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### RICHMOND, VA. | CHEAP LAPTOPS SPARK STAMPEDE



**MAC ATTACK:** Frenzied shoppers rush through a gate Tuesday at the Richmond International Raceway, where the Henrico County school system was selling used iBooks for \$50 each. Several people suffered minor injuries in the stampede. ♦ **Computer virus:** Some are beaten, trampled in the chaos | **Page 13**

## Defiance at Gaza Deadline

Many settlers leave, others brace for showdown with troops

**NEVE DEKALIM, GAZA STRIP** | Thousands of Jewish settlers defied a midnight Tuesday deadline to leave Gaza, attacking Israeli troops and dancing around the Torah in celebration of their resistance to Prime Minister Ariel Sharon's historic plan to disengage from the Palestinians.

While a few of Gaza's 21 communities were deserted by midnight, settlers and their supporters in other outposts hunkered down to await a dawn confrontation with Israeli forces

prepared to forcibly evict them. Settler leaders shouted over bullhorns for protesters to go to bed and conserve their strength.

Earlier in Neve Dekalim, the army burst through the main gate to clear the way for about 120 moving trucks. Within hours, a crowd blocked the trucks from entering, and scuffles erupted when security forces tried to push the crowd back. Protesters pelted soldiers

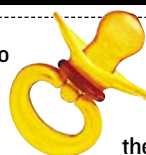
with bottles, eggs and stones, and set fire to garbage bins and tires. Smoke blackened the air. Police said four officers were injured.

At times, both settlers and soldiers were reduced to tears as they argued over the wisdom of Israel's abandoning Gaza, land seized from Egypt in 1967 and the focus of deadly Israeli-Palestinian conflict for decades.

Israeli officials said that by midnight about half of Gaza's 1,600 settlement families had left voluntarily. **AMY TIEBEL (AP)**

♦ **Following orders:** Israeli soldiers face the emotional task of evicting resistant settlers from Gaza | **Page 8**

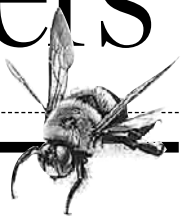
**LAW | A Changed Man** Authorities in Britain are trying to find a man who wanders the streets in a diaper late at night, reportedly asking women, "Are there any baby-changing facilities around here?" Leave it to British police to phrase it best: "There



have been several reports of him having been seen in Eaglescliffe dressed only in a nappy and we are keen to trace him and speak to him," officials said. Police said no one had been assaulted by the man, Reuters reports. **(EXPRESS) EyeOpeners | Page 2**



# eyeOpeners



## ANIMAL WATCH

### Peter Cottontail, M.D.

A Port Byron, Ill., man claims a \$10 pet rabbit saved the life of his pregnant wife. Ed Murphy said the rabbit was unusually noisy one night, banging and jumping up and down in her cage. Murphy then noticed his wife seemed to be sleeping heavily with her eyes wide open, so he called 911. Darcy Murphy was quickly taken to a hospital, where she remained for five days for treatment of gestational diabetes, a carbohydrate intolerance during pregnancy. She delivered a healthy baby on June 13. (AP)

## ARTS

### Too Much Buzz

Thousands of bees invaded an early matinee at Saddleback College's McKinney Theatre in Mission Viejo, Calif., stinging the lead actress and forcing cancellation of the 16-show run of the musical "Babes in Arms." "It's the first time we've had to cancel ... because of, essentially, an act of God," fine art dean Rocco Cifone said. (AP)

## ICONS

### Holy Roll

An Internet casino known for its collection of oddities has paid \$1,775 for a pierogi that looks like an image of Jesus. GoldenPalace.com purchased the item Monday during an auction offered by eBay. The seller, Donna Lee, said the Jesus face appeared when she was cooking Easter dinner at her home in Point Place, Ohio. (AP)

## WAVE-RIDING

# Top of the Pops



PETER DE JONG/AP

The original Vikings were known for their seafaring skill and the occasional pillage. But none of them had a ship made from millions of popsicle sticks and more than a ton of glue. Former Hollywood stunt man Rob McDonald does. McDonald launched the 45-foot vessel in Amsterdam's IJ River on Tuesday with muscle and lofty prose. "I have a dream to show children they can do anything," he said.

(AP/EXPRESS)



## CRIME

### Dial 'M' for Mom

A home invasion in Villa Rica, Ga., was solved by a phone's redial button when an accused burglar in this west Georgia town allegedly used the phone to call his mother for a ride after breaking in. Officials say the homeowner returned Sunday to find credit cards, a check book, cell phone and jewelry missing. The victim hit redial on her phone, and the mother of 23-year-old Kevin Tucker answered. Tucker and his girlfriend were later arrested at a nearby motel. (AP)

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**TOUR DE CRAWFORD:** President Bush will have a formidable cycling partner at his 1,600-acre ranch on Saturday — seven-time Tour de France winner Lance Armstrong, Reuters reported. Bush took reporters on a two-hour ride last weekend.



## Nation

# Law Fights Meth With Prescriptions

Doctor's order needed for some legal drugs in Ore.

PORTLAND, ORE. | Gov. Ted Kulongoski signed legislation Tuesday that will make Oregon the first state to require prescriptions for everyday cold and allergy medications that can be converted into methamphetamine.

The requirement applies to any medication containing pseudoephedrine, the key ingredient in making meth.

"This is a tremendous start but we must recognize that it is just

that, a start," the governor said. "We have a long way to go."

Oregon and several other states already require consumers to show identification and sign a log when obtaining over-the-counter cold and allergy medicines such as Sudafed and Claritin D from phar-



Kulongoski

macies, and Congress is moving toward similar restrictions.

Kulongoski said he was aware that the law might cause inconvenience for allergy and cold sufferers but said pharmaceutical companies already are producing replacement medications that don't contain pseudoephedrine and can't be converted to meth. He held up a list of 40 such products.

The bill sailed through both houses of the Legislature, opposed by only a handful of lawmakers who cited the inconvenience for their

constituents.

The state Board of Pharmacy has until next July to implement the prescription requirement, but board executive director Gary Schnabel said it could be in place within three months.

While increasing amounts of methamphetamine come from Mexico, bill supporters say the law could sharply reduce the number of home meth labs, where the chemicals used in the process can pose severe health problems.

JOSEPH B. FRAZIER (AP)



Confessed BTK killer Dennis Rader with his lawyer in court on June 27.

## Chilling Day Expected in BTK Case

WICHITA, KAN. | The sentencing of the BTK serial killer this week will allow the families of his victims to confront him in court for the first time. But they also will hear in graphic terms the depravity of the crimes that terrorized this Midwest community for more than three decades.

Unlike June's courtroom confession in which Dennis Rader pleaded guilty and then coldly delivered a lecture-style recitation of his killings, the sentencing is expected to be wrenching as investigators disclose explicit details of the sexually motivated crimes and the relatives describe their loss and pain.

Rader told KAKE-TV that he was working on an emotional statement for his sentencing. Rader, 60, will almost certainly die behind bars for the murders committed in the Wichita area from 1974 to 1991. (AP)

## Officials Arrest Third Man in Calif. Terror Probe

LOS ANGELES | A Pakistani national has been arrested in a terrorism investigation into a possible plot to attack the Israeli Consulate, California National Guard facilities and other targets, officials said Tuesday.

Hammad Riaz Samana, 21, was taken into custody on Aug. 2 and has been detained in Los Angeles, according to the U.S. Bureau of Prisons.

His arrest came after investigators discovered a potential target list at the home of Levar Haney Washington, who has been implicated in a series of gas station robberies, according to a law enforcement official who asked to remain anonymous because of the sensitivity of the investigation. (AP)

## ANTI-WAR PROTEST | CROSSES REPAIRED



**TRAMPLED TRIBUTE:** Anti-war protester Kathy Nikeef of Santa Fe, N.M., replaces damaged crosses Tuesday representing Americans killed in Iraq. Dozens of crosses on the road leading to President Bush's ranch in Crawford, Texas, were knocked down by Waco resident Larry Northern, 46, late Monday. He was later charged by police with criminal mischief.

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## Nation

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The number of adults who said they hated math while in school, an Associated Press-America Online poll reported. That's twice as many as any other subject.

# King Hospitalized In Fair Condition

Doctors mum on health of civil rights leader, widow of M.L. King Jr.

ATLANTA | Civil rights matriarch Coretta Scott King was in fair condition Tuesday after being hospitalized for an unspecified condition, a hospital official said.

King, 78, the widow of the Rev. Martin Luther King Jr., went to an emergency room Tuesday morning and was resting comfortably later in the day, said Piedmont Hospital spokeswoman Diana Lewis.

Lewis would not elaborate on the reason for the hospitalization, but said King would spend the night at the hospital for observation.

Lewis said the King family was expected to release a statement

Wednesday. Attempts to reach relatives by phone Tuesday weren't successful. King has canceled recent public appearances, raising concerns about her health.



King

At a ceremony paying tribute to the King family at the Georgia State Capitol on June 30, her son Martin Luther King III said his mother was "doing well" and was only abiding by her doctor's orders to limit her activities. He refused to give additional details.

"I have been praying for Mrs. King every day and I urge Atlanta, Ga., the nation and the world to pray for her," state Rep. Tyrone Brooks said Tuesday. (AP)

## In Brief

### PHILADELPHIA

#### Judge Overturns Conviction In Decades-Old Murder Case

A federal judge has thrown out the murder conviction and death sentence of a man who has spent nearly half his life on death row, citing faulty jury instructions and a deficient defense lawyer. Herbert Baker, 44, will go free unless prosecutors retry him within six months. Baker was tried along with two accomplices in a 1984 robbery that ended in the death of 38-year-old William Gambrell. The other two men were sentenced to life in prison while Baker, the alleged gunman, was sentenced to death. (AP)

### OLYMPIA, WASH.

#### Group Wants Sodas Pulled From Elementary Schools

The American Beverage Association recommended Tuesday that soda and other sweetened beverages be pulled from vending machines at elementary schools across the county, saying the industry needs to help fight the increasing rate of childhood obesity. ABA President and CEO Susan Neely argues soft drinks aren't inherently bad. But she wants parents to be able to know that their children aren't drinking an excessive amount of sweetened drinks at school. (AP)

### JACKSON, MISS.

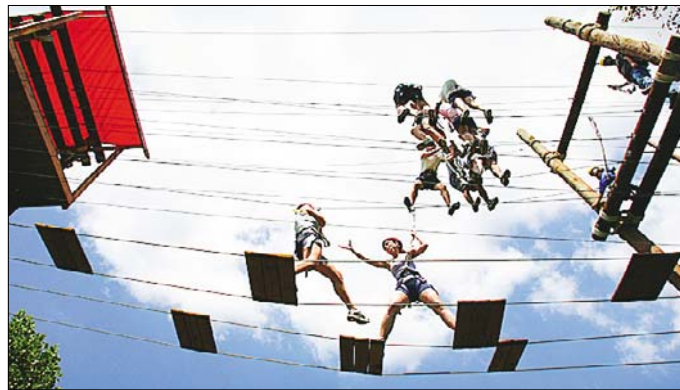
#### Prosecutors: Ex-Klansman's Relative Threatened Judge

Mississippi's attorney general has asked that Edgar Ray Killen's bail be revoked because one of his relatives threatened to kill the judge before the former Ku Klux Klan leader's trial in the 1964 slayings of three civil-rights workers. Circuit Judge Marcus Gordon confirmed to The Associated Press on Tuesday that he was told a week before the trial that a threat on his life had been made by one of Killen's brothers, J.D. Killen, a 64-year-old former lumber mill worker. Gordon said the threat was "indirect" and neither he nor other authorities pressed charges. (AP)



J.D. Killen

### TEAM-BUILDING | HIGH-WIRE ACT



**TRUST ISSUES:** High off the ground, a blindfolded Kelsey MacKinnon of Lamoni, Iowa's Graceland University, lower left, is guided by a co-worker Catharine Elliott during a team-building exercise Tuesday, at the Tucker Leadership Lab at William Jewell College in Liberty, Mo.

## Mom Wants Son's Name Off Memorials

SANTA BARBARA, CALIF. | The mother of an officer killed in Iraq is demanding that her son's name be removed from what she considers anti-war memorials on a California beach and outside President Bush's Texas ranch.

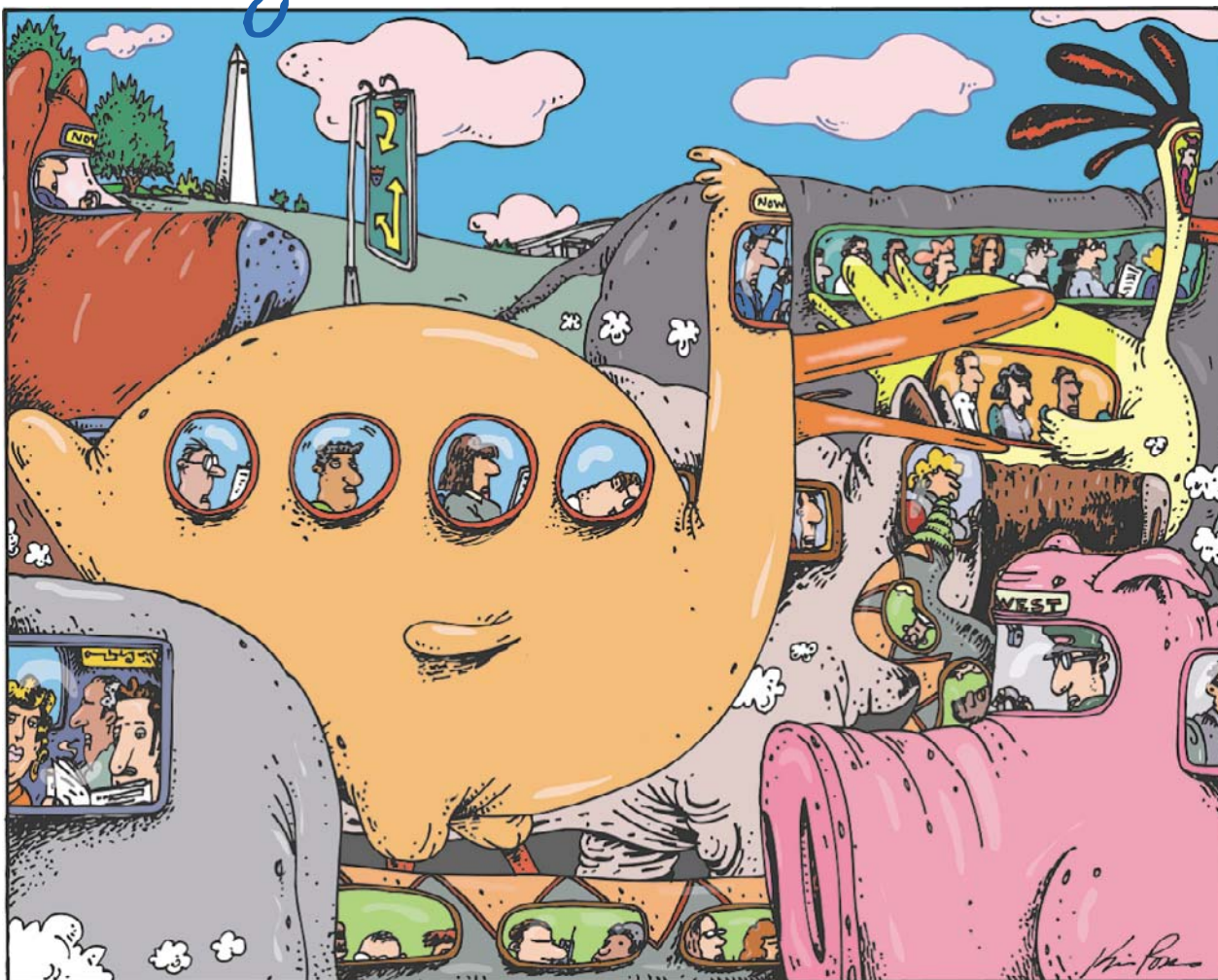
Air Force Capt. Derek Argel was buried at Arlington National Cemetery last week and his mother, Debbie Argel Bastian, says the

memorials are insults to his memory.

"I'm livid about it," Bastian said of the display on Santa Barbara's West Beach and a smaller memorial near Crawford, Texas, where Cindy Sheehan, the mother of another dead soldier, has made headlines with a vigil that began Aug. 6. Argel, 28, of Lompoc, was killed in a Memorial Day plane crash near Baghdad. (AP)



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## World

# Venezuela Crash Kills 160

**Officials say both engines failed on jet bound for Martinique**

MACHIQUES, VENEZUELA | A chartered jet filled with tourists returning home to the French Caribbean island of Martinique crashed Tuesday in western Venezuela, killing all 160 people on board. The pilot had been attempting an emergency landing after both engines failed, officials said.

Wreckage was strewn across a remote wooded area among cattle ranches near Machiques, 400 miles west of Caracas near the border with Colombia just east of the Sierra de Perija mountain range. From above, only the tail of the West Caribbean Airways plane could be seen intact, lying amid charred trees.

Rescuers pulled dozens of bodies from the site and recovered one of



**NO SURVIVORS:** A rescue worker examines the wreckage of the West Caribbean Airways jet that crashed in Machiques, Venezuela, on Tuesday, killing all aboard.

the plane's black boxes, which could give clues to the cause of the crash, said Air Force Maj. Javier Perez, the search and rescue chief. He said the cockpit voice recorder had not been found.

The plane was carrying 152 tourists from Martinique returning home after a week in Panama, officials said. All eight Colombian crew members also were killed.

CHRISTOPHER TOOTHAKER (AP)

## Russian Court Backs Activist Group

MOSCOW | Russia's Supreme Court on Tuesday overturned a lower court decision banning the National Bolshevik Party, handing a rare victory to the radical youth organization known for flamboyant acts of political protest.

Law enforcement officials have increasingly targeted the party in what is widely seen as a Kremlin-directed campaign against an irreverent opposition group. Activists hailed Tuesday's decision as a breakthrough.

"We are delighted," party leader Eduard Limonov told The Associated Press.

A spokeswoman for Prosecutor General's Office said it would appeal the decision. Prosecutors had argued the group violated registration procedures and was involved in extremist activities. (AP)

## GERMANY | YOUNG PILGRIMS



**FATHER FIGURE:** World Youth Day participants pass a poster of Pope Benedict XVI in Cologne, Germany, on Tuesday. Tens of thousands of young people descended on the city to kick off the six-day Roman Catholic youth festival, which will include the German-born pope's first foreign trip.

## Guatemala Gangs Plotted Jail Riots

GUATEMALA CITY | Anxious family members lined up outside a morgue Tuesday to identify the bodies of 31 young male prisoners killed during near-simultaneous gang riots in seven Guatemalan prisons.

The violence began Monday with two grenade explosions at a makeshift prison for gang members. That was followed by coordinated attacks by Mara Salvatrucha gang members against the rival MS-18 gang at other prisons, Interior Minister Carlos Vielmann and Escuintla Gov. Luis Munoz said.

Officials said gang members used cell phones and text messages passed by visitors to coordinate the near-simultaneous riots. (AP)





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## World



**STAR ENVY:** Nicole Kidman's name may lie alongside Charlie Chaplin and Laurence Olivier on the British equivalent of the Hollywood Walk of Fame. The proposed site in London will be dedicated to performers from Britain and the Commonwealth.

# Iraq Draft Talks to Resume

Kurds say they have no plans to secede, a key issue behind delay

BAGHDAD, IRAQ | Kurdish leaders insisted Tuesday they have no plan to secede from Iraq even if they want the new constitution to give them the right to do so — one of the issues that forced a delay in finishing the draft charter.

Meetings were to resume Wednesday among Iraqi leaders seeking to finish the draft by the new deadline — midnight Aug. 22.

Iraqi leaders expressed confidence they would overcome differences over remaining issues, including Kurdish demands for



Iraqi President Jalal Talabani, left, speaks to reporters in Baghdad with U.S. ambassador Zalmay Khalilzad.

self-determination and the role of Islam, by Monday.

However, many leaders were equally sanguine about prospects for meeting the original Aug. 15 deadline. If no agreement can be reached this time, the interim con-

stitution requires that parliament be dissolved.

Shiite lawmakers cited the role of Islam — an issue that affects women's rights — and self-determination for the Kurds, which Arabs fear would mean they would eventually secede from the country.

President Jalal Talabani, a Kurd, insisted the Islam issue had been solved and "you will see in the constitution that it is not a problem."

The U.S. military announced Tuesday that three American soldiers were killed the night before when their vehicle overturned during combat operations in south Baghdad. At least 15 Iraqis were killed Tuesday in Baghdad and central Iraq in insurgency-related violence. SAMEER N. YACCOUB (AP)



**FRONT LINES:** Jewish settlers scuffle with border police on Tuesday as they try to block police from carrying out their orders for the Israeli pullout of the Gaza Strip.

## Israeli Forces 'Ready' For Tough Task in Gaza

REIM ARMY BASE, ISRAEL | Five years ago, Israeli army Capt. Yossi Salman was stationed in Bethlehem, surrounded by death and suffering during a bitter round of fighting in the Palestinian uprising that erupted a few weeks earlier. He had the task of breaking the news of casualties to their families.

Now he is assigned to lead troops in evicting fellow Israelis from their homes — and the mission is hardly less challenging.

"Now we are in a new front line, where we are dealing with the hardest enemy, which is ourselves," Salman said at Reim camp, the main staging base for the Gaza withdrawal operation.

Israeli army troops, hand-picked for the task of removing settlers

from their Gaza homes, spent the second day of the pullout operation watching the drama on TV in their tent camp, chomping at the bit to put their training into practice.

Some soldiers, sent to help those settlers ready to voluntarily leave, returned to base shaken after encountering angry resisters, but determined to carry out their mission, said Salman, 25.

Salman believes his soldiers will bear emotional scars for the rest of their lives, but he is equally sure they will carry out their mission with distinction.

"Everybody's stepping up to the plate in a really good way, irrespective of their political opinions," he said. "I think the soldiers are ready for this mission. STEVE WEIZMAN (AP)

## 2 Copters Crash in Afghanistan

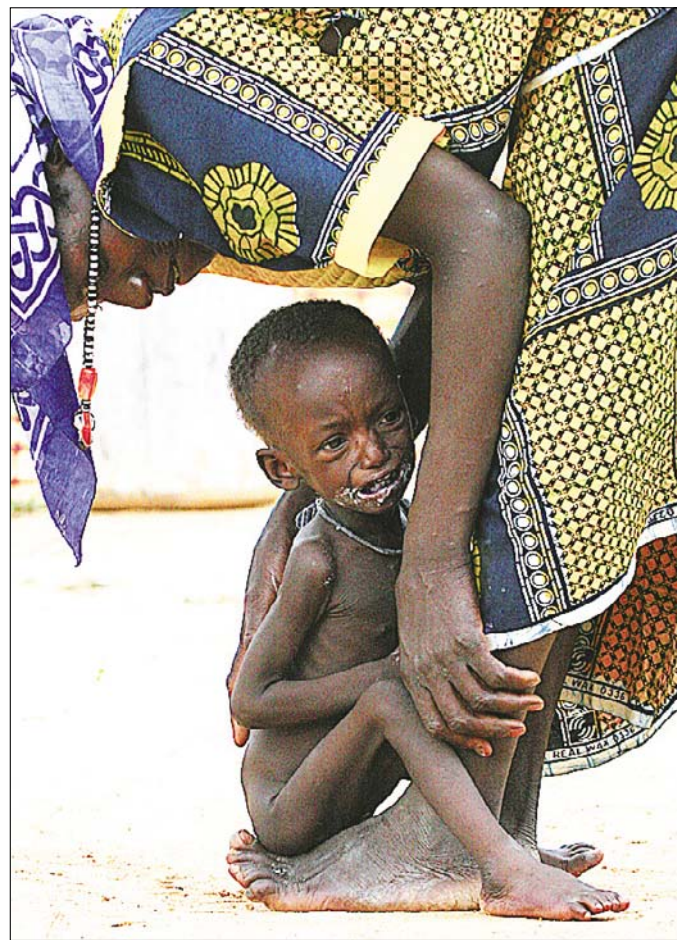
KABUL, AFGHANISTAN | Two transport helicopters carrying NATO peacekeepers crashed in a desert in western Afghanistan, killing 17 Spanish troops and injuring five others providing security ahead of landmark legislative elections, officials said.

A spokesman for NATO's International Security Assistance Force said the downing of the two aircraft in Herat province — the biggest loss of life yet for the NATO force inside Afghanistan — was believed to be an accident, but Spain's defense minister said he did not rule out hostile fire.

Afghan President Hamid Karzai said in a statement that the crash was caused by a sandstorm. Yet Afghan army commander Abdul Wahab Walizada, whose troops provided security in the area, said the weather was fine, but that the rotor blades of one of the choppers clipped the other aircraft after they came too close.

The 17 dead were on the first chopper that crashed, an ISAF spokesman said. DANIEL COONEY (AP)

**IN** The Washington Post | AIDING NIGER



**A CHILD'S PAIN:** Rabi Abdu comforts her son Absu Suley, 3, outside a Doctors Without Borders hospital in Maradi, Niger. Donors have been giving to Niger's food crisis but help is arriving too late for many children — a dilemma some say has more to do with miscalculation by the international aid bureaucracy than the reluctance of the world to pitch in. | **Today, A Section**

**Making history in Gaza:** For up-to-the-minute reports on the Gaza withdrawal, including maps and an explanation of the pullout plan, go to [washingtonpost.com](http://washingtonpost.com)

## Quake in Japan Injures 59 People

SENDAI, JAPAN | A powerful under-sea earthquake struck northeastern Japan on Tuesday, triggering a small tsunami, sending debris crashing into a crowded swimming pool and shaking skyscrapers as far away as Tokyo. At least

59 people were injured.

The magnitude-7.2 quake, centered about 50 miles off the coast of Miyagi state, knocked out power to about 17,000 homes, while high-speed train service was suspended in northern Japan.

Two small tsunami waves hit the coast of Miyagi shortly after noon, but officials expected little damage from them. (AP)





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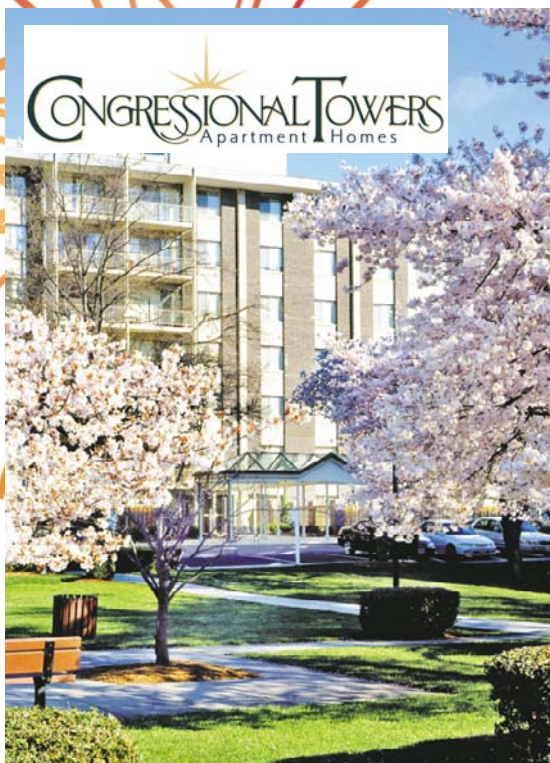
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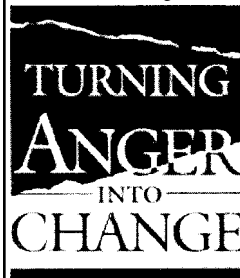
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**GOLDEN YEARS?** Nearly 7 in 10 workers plan to stay on the job past retirement age — including many who say the decision will be driven by financial need, a new survey finds. Some 27 percent of those polled said they might work part-time for fun.

# Money

## Market Action

### New York Stock Exchange

#### Gainers

STOCK	LAST	DAILY CHANGE	DAILY PERCENT CHANGE
EsteeLdr	40.80	+3.40	+9.1
MdwstAir h	2.36	+1.18	+8.3
GoodrPet	21.08	+1.58	+8.1
Sitel	2.97	+2.22	+8.0
StarGas	2.84	+1.19	+7.2

#### Losers

Gateway	3.11	-.78	-20.1
DicksSprt	32.90	-6.33	-16.1
Natl RV If	5.83	-.77	-11.7
Deere	64.63	-8.18	-11.2
AccoBrd wi	23.01	-1.99	-8.0

### NASDAQ Stock Market

#### Gainers

STOCK	LAST	DAILY CHANGE	DAILY PERCENT CHANGE
Spire	10.81	+2.76	+34.3
ViroPhrm	14.24	+3.25	+29.6
Trnsmeta	2.07	+.37	+21.8
LanVision	3.35	+.45	+15.5
SkyWest	25.01	+2.97	+13.5

#### Losers

Intervideo	10.52	-3.10	-22.8
BstLfSci rs	2.85	-.67	-19.0
EnPointe	2.52	-.44	-14.9
Mossimo	4.90	-.82	-14.3
MIVA	5.24	-.81	-13.4

### Rates

	CURRENT	PREVIOUS WEEK
Prime Rate	6.50	6.25
Fed Funds close	3.4375	3.50
3-month	3.46	3.43
2-year	4.00	4.16
10-year	4.21	4.43
30-year	4.42	4.60

### Currency (Dollars in foreign currency)

	TODAY	PREVIOUS DAY	YEAR AGO
British Pound	.5533	.5525	.5431
Canadian Dollar	1.1986	1.2006	1.3064
European Euro	.8100	.8090	.8094
Japanese Yen	109.50	109.28	110.53
Mexican Peso	10.5710	10.5850	11.3690
Taiwanese Dollar	31.98	31.95	34.20

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### NASDAQ

-29.98

-1.38  
2137.06

### S&P 500

-14.53

-1.18  
1219.34

### Media Stocks

STOCK	LAST	DAILY CHANGE	YEAR TO DATE PERCENT CHANGE
ClearChan	33.36	-.59	-.4
Comcast	31.52	-.58	-5.3
Comc sp	31.18	-.51	-5.1
DirectTV	16.61	+.11	-.8
Disney	26.26	+.09	-5.5
EchoStar	30.93	-.33	-7.0
Gannett	72.96	-1.08	-10.7
LibtyMA	8.42	-.06	-9.8
McGrwH s	47.33	-.68	+3.4
NewsCpA n	16.86	-.24	-9.6
NewsCpB n	17.81	-.24	-7.2
Ommicom	83.50	-1.14	-1.0
Thomson	36.90	-.05	+4.6
TimeWarn	18.40	-.10	-5.4
ViacomB	34.77	-.62	-4.5

# Consumer Prices Jump Up in July

## Rising fuel costs tied to increase; housing construction still hot

WASHINGTON | Consumer inflation shot up in July as rising gasoline prices pinched drivers' wallets from coast to coast. But the rest of the economy kept pushing forward with industrial output rising and housing construction staying at a supercharged level.

A flurry of reports Tuesday depicted a country that so far is withstanding this year's surge in energy prices, helped by a continued boom in housing activity, the economy's strongest sector.

Consumer prices jumped 0.5 percent in July, the biggest increase in three months, but the price pressures came almost entirely from surging costs for gasoline and other energy products.

Outside of the volatile food and

energy areas, consumer prices rose a much more modest 0.1 percent in July, reflecting in part the biggest drop in new car prices in 30 years.

Meanwhile, the Commerce Department reported that construction of new homes and apartments totaled 2.042 million units in July. While that was down a slight 0.1 percent from June, it marked the eighth month in the past 10 that housing construction has been above the 2-million mark, reflecting frenzied building activity to keep up with record demand.

Even manufacturing, the weakest part of the economy, posted a 0.1 percent rise in industrial production in July, according to a Federal Reserve report. Analysts said the gain would have been much stronger except for a drop in mining output reflecting hurricane-related shutdowns of oil platforms in the Gulf of Mexico, and retooling in the auto industry. MARTIN CRUTSINGER (AP)

## Fate of 'XXX' Web Domain Delayed

NEW YORK | Acknowledging "unprecedented" opposition, the U.S. government has asked the Internet's key oversight agency to delay approval of a new ".xxx" domain name designed as a virtual red-light district.

Michael D. Gallagher, assis-

tant secretary for communications and information at the Commerce Department, stopped short of urging its rejection, but he called on the Internet Corporation for Assigned Names and Numbers to "ensure the best interests of the Internet com-

munity as a whole are fully considered."

The department received nearly 6,000 letters and e-mails expressing concerns about the impact of pornography on families and children and objecting to setting aside the ".xxx" domain suffix for it, he said. (AP)

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## Local

16,000

Total number of parents in the District who took advantage of an amnesty on unpaid child support earlier this month. More than \$200,000 was collected during the amnesty.

# Mayor Rids Alley of Pesky Graffiti

Williams says paying attention to small crimes thwarts others

WASHINGTON | Swapping his trademark bow tie and business suit for work boots, coveralls and gloves, D.C. Mayor Anthony A. Williams joined efforts to clean graffiti from the walls of a downtown alley Tuesday.

"If you don't take the graffiti off of the alleys and the walkways, not to mention the main streets, it sends the message that the community doesn't care," the mayor said.

Responding directly to a constituent's complaint, Williams helped remove about 20 square feet of blue, gray and black paint scrawled on the red brick rear walls and metal service doors of several businesses.

"Once the little crimes start going unnoticed, they mushroom into bigger crimes," Williams explained, when questioned about why such behind-the-scenes matters require



D.C. Mayor Anthony Williams lends city crews a hand on Tuesday cleaning graffiti off brick walls and metal doors in a downtown alley near Connecticut Avenue.

his personal attention.

Therese Keane, a Dupont Circle resident, called earlier this month to complain about graffiti visible from her rear windows.

"It's graffiti. It's dirt on the walls and doors, and it shouldn't be here," said Keane, who added that property values can be affected.

The complaint became one of 1,400 graffiti removal projects the D.C. Department of Public Works completes each month.

About 250 of those jobs are on private property and require permission from the property owner.

Keane's was the one millionth call handled by the Mayor's Call Center since 1999, prompting Williams to use resolution of the problem to recognize the work of both departments.

"By taking all the calls into one place, we've been able to track the response better and find out where the problems are and where solutions may lie," Williams said.

DERRILL HOLLY (AP)

## In Brief

### BALTIMORE

#### Jury Selection Underway In 1st Charles Co. Arson Trial

Jury selection began Tuesday in the first trial of five men accused of setting fires last December in homes under construction in the Hunters Brooke development in Charles County. Prosecutors and attorneys for Patrick Walsh began picking jurors from a pool of roughly 75 people at U.S. District Court in Baltimore. Walsh is charged with multiple counts of arson and conspiracy. Four others were charged with similar crimes. Two have already pleaded guilty. (AP)

### WASHINGTON

#### Track Work to Disrupt Red Line Trains This Weekend

Metro is warning commuters of major trackwork that will shut down part of the Red Line in Montgomery County this weekend. Service between the Medical Center and Grosvenor-Strathmore stations will be suspended, replaced by a free shuttle bus between the two points. Trains will operate in two segments: Between Shady Grove and Grosvenor-Strathmore; and between Medical Center and Glenmont. (EXPRESS)

### SPRINGFIELD, VA.

#### I-95 Southbound Closed After 2 Separate Accidents

Two separate accidents, one involving two tractor-trailers, a garbage truck and a pickup, caused one big traffic mess Tuesday afternoon on a stretch of Interstate 95 in Fairfax County. Southbound lanes near Route 7100 were shut before reopening around 3:30 p.m. (AP)

### KENSINGTON, MD.

#### Police Search for Witnesses In Rock Creek Park Attack

Police spent Tuesday searching for witnesses who may have seen the man they say attacked a woman jogging Monday in Rock Creek Park near Kensington Parkway. The suspect is described as a white or Hispanic male aged 18 to 25. (AP)

## The Lotteries

Tuesday, Aug. 16

### DISTRICT

Mid-day Lucky Numbers	0-4-7
Evening Lucky Numbers	0-2-5
Mid-day DC 4	3-7-6-8
Evening DC 4	7-4-9-0
Quick Cash	17-36-02-22-26-34
Hot Five	19-10-29-06-24

### MARYLAND

Mid-day Pick 3	5-8-6
Evening Pick 3	6-0-7
Mid-day Pick 4	7-2-1-9
Evening Pick 4	5-5-2-6
Match 5 (Mon.)	02-10-18-34-35 (32)

### VIRGINIA

Mid-day Pick 3 (Tues.)	0-9-7
Evening Pick 3 (Mon.)	5-5-5
Mid-day Pick 4 (Tues.)	1-3-8-1
Evening Pick 4 (Mon.)	3-3-1-4
Mid-day Cash 5 (Tues.)	05-07-19-33-34
Evening Cash 5 (Mon.)	03-05-11-29-30



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**BE ON THE LOOKOUT:** Prince George's County police are warning the public to look out for a police impersonator in the Calverton area. Police are investigating an incident last Friday night when the suspect used a 1992 Ford Crown Victoria and dash-mounted flashing light to pull over a woman, whom the suspect touched inappropriately before releasing. (AP)



**AUCTION ABANDONED:** All the air conditioning problems at the D.C. Department of Motor Vehicles on K Street NE have sparked one more closure: Tuesday's monthly abandoned auto auction at the Blue Plains auction facility. But it will return on Sept. 19. (EXPRESS)

## Local

# \$50 Computers Ignite Big Scuffle

RICHMOND, VA. | A rush to purchase \$50 used laptops turned into a violent stampede Tuesday, with people getting thrown to the pavement, beaten with a folding chair and nearly driven over. One woman went so far to wet herself rather than surrender her place in line.

"This is total, total chaos," said Latoya Jones, 19, who lost one of her flip-flops in the ordeal and later limped around on the sizzling blacktop with one foot bare.

More than 1,000 people turned out at the Richmond International Raceway in hopes of getting their hands on one of the 4-year-old Apple iBooks, which retail for between \$999 and \$1,299. The Henrico County school system was selling 1,000 of the comput-



Henrico County Police Sgt. A.J. Scott couldn't hold back the mob.

ers to county residents.

Officials opened the gates at 7 a.m., but some already had been waiting for hours in line. (AP)

# Va. Schools Improve on Performance

But some districts fall short of federal law for fifth year in a row

RICHMOND, VA. | Eighty percent of Virginia's public schools met annual performance benchmarks under the federal No Child Left Behind law, but four schools must restructure after failing to show progress for the fifth straight year, state education officials said Tuesday.

Preliminary figures show that 1,460 of 1,821 schools met all the "adequate yearly progress" goals in 2004-05 established under the education reform law that took effect in 2002.

The state Department of Education said that 111 of Virginia's 763 Title I schools are subject to federal sanctions for failing to meet the benchmarks, down from more than 200 last year. Title I schools receive federal funds to serve children from

low-income families.

Sixty-five of those schools failed to make "adequate yearly progress" for the second straight year. Those schools must notify parents that their children have the option to transfer to higher-performing schools within the district.

ZINIE CHEN SAMPSON (AP)

**In the Post:** At least 15 schools in Northern Virginia must allow transfers or pay for tutoring. | **Today in Metro**

# JHU Picked for Voting Machine Study

BALTIMORE | Armed with a grant from the National Science Foundation, Johns Hopkins University is establishing a new center to study the reliability of electronic voting machines. The center's goal is to design the most foolproof, transparent voting system possible, officials said Monday.

Researchers hope the center will provide information in time for the 2008 presidential election.

Hopkins is one of six institutions that will divide the \$7.5 million grant. The university will receive \$1.2 million to administer the center and to research voting technology. (AP)

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## Sports



**TITAN-IC DEAL:** ESPN says it's done; the Titans say it's close. Either way, it looks like cornerback Adam "Pacman" Jones, the No. 6 in the NFL draft, is ready to end his holdout and sign with Tennessee. He must be bored chasing all those ghosts.

# Sale of Nationals: Political Hardball

## Owners set to discuss slow process at meeting

**NATIONALS** | A unique blend of sports, politics and inside-the-Beltway intrigue comes together as Major League Baseball prepares for the sale of the Nationals, one of the topics on the agenda when club owners gather Wednesday and Thursday in Pasadena, Calif.

What was once thought to be a sale price of \$300 million now could approach \$450 million.

Baseball hoped to sell by the start of this season. Then early summer was the goal. Now it appears a deal

could be approaching. Baseball aims to pick a new owner by the end of this month, with the sale formally concluded at season's end.

"Do I wish we could have done this a year or two ago? Of course," baseball commissioner Bud Selig said at last month's All-Star break. "The political process, as those of you from the Baltimore-Washington area know, moves slowly."

The bidders are believed to include: a Virginia-based group headed by businessman William

Collins III and Albert Lord, chairman of Sallie Mae; the Washington Baseball Club, led by Fred Malek and Jeffrey Zients; and groups led by former Washington Capitals part-owner Jonathan Ledecky, by former Atlanta Braves president Stan Kasten, by Maryland real estate businessman Theodore Lerner, by former Seattle Mariners owner Jeffrey Smulyan, by Tennessee developer Franklin Haney, and by Yusef Jackson and Ronald Burkle.

There is no shortage of political ties. Jackson is the son of Jesse Jackson. Malek advised Presidents

Nixon, Ford and Reagan, was the 1992 campaign manager for the first President Bush, and was a part-owner of the Texas Rangers along with current President Bush.

Malek's group also includes former Secretary of State Colin Powell and President Clinton confidant Vernon Jordan, and Ledecky's group includes financier George Soros, who spent millions trying to defeat President Bush in 2004.

"Just get it over with. Just pick somebody. It doesn't really matter who," outfielder Ryan Church said.

HOWARD FENDRICH (AP)



LIVE ONLINE

Ted Leonsis

Washington Capitals majority owner **TED LEONISIS** was online Tuesday to take questions on the NHL season.

**I don't know a single person who was sorry to have missed an entire season of pro hockey. I would guess that the Caps have a smaller base of fans in the area than the Redskins, Nats, Wizards, Orioles, Ravens and even D.C. United. Even ESPN2 seems willing to cover poker instead of hockey. Is hockey on its way out?**

I don't think your facts are correct. First, there is great interest in our television rights and ESPN needs to make a decision on whether they want Comcast to own all of the national cable TV rights. Either way, hockey will be back on national cable this coming season. Secondly, the NHL sells as many tickets as the NBA does. However, I will agree that we have our work cut out to re-launch the NHL and regenerate interest in our game.

**I agree with the path the Caps are taking concerning young players, but I believe this could lead to a long season as they learn the ropes. Does the team have any plans to bring in some veterans to guide them through the tough times?**

We have been active in speaking to free agents and we have been very competitive in the salaries that we have offered, but our plan is to not sign players to more than one or two year contracts. Our goal is to allow the young players the opportunity to make our team, to add younger free agents and to have enough dollars available to keep our young players who mature into stars.

**What can we expect from Alexander Ovechkin this year?**

What I admire most about Ovechkin is the way he plays with passion both on offense and defense and that he is a team player. I also believe the NHL can rebuild around the introduction of Ovechkin and Penguins rookie Sidney Crosby at the same time. I believe these two young stars will be very much like Larry Bird and Magic Johnson coming into the NBA at one of its lowpoints.

## In Brief

### WIZARDS

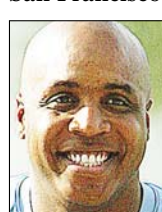
#### Summer League Leaders Get a Shot in Washington

The Washington Wizards on Tuesday signed rookie guard Donell Taylor and forward Hiram Fuller, two of the leaders from their summer league team. Taylor, an undrafted rookie free agent from the University of Alabama-Birmingham, led the Wizards with 13.6 points per game during summer league play in Las Vegas last month. Fuller, from Fresno State, averaged 7.0 points and a team-high 7.2 rebounds per game during summer league play. (AP)

### BASEBALL

#### Bonds Shoots for Return

Barry Bonds now says there's a good chance he could play for the San Francisco Giants this season



Bonds

because his bad knee is doing better. "Two weeks ago things didn't look too promising, but the past 10 days my rehab has taken a turn for the better," he wrote in a new entry on his Web site. "I hope to be in the cage doing some hitting. There is a good possibility that I could be back in September with the team, but, if not, I will definitely be in the 2006 lineup," he wrote. (AP)

### PALIO RACE | THE WINNER'S CIRCLE



**HIGH HORSE:** Gigi Bruschelli of the Tower District or "La Torre," celebrates after winning the Palio race in Siena's main square. On almost every July 2 and Aug. 16 since the mid-1600s, 10 riders have raced in the Italian city for the Palio.

# Palmeiro Documents Under Review

**DOPING** | Congressional staff members are reviewing the documents related to Rafael Palmeiro's failed drug test and don't expect to say anything about what they've learned until next week.

The House Government Reform Committee wants to know whether Palmeiro committed perjury when he testified under oath in March

that he had never used steroids. With the Baltimore Orioles slugger's permission, Major League Baseball turned over information related to his test last week.

"Government Reform Committee staff continues to review the documents related to Rafael Palmeiro's positive steroid test and will have no further comment on any

questions related to the documents for at least a week," panel chairman Tom Davis, R-Va., and ranking Democrat Henry Waxman of California said in a statement Tuesday.

Palmeiro was suspended for 10 days by baseball on Aug. 1. The next day, Palmeiro agreed to let baseball release information requested by the panel. (AP)





**K.O.:** Think former boxing champ Evander Holyfield should call it quits? You're not alone. The 42-year-old was banned from fighting in New York by the state's athletic commission because of his "diminished skills and poor performance."

## Sports

### COLLEGE FOOTBALL | GATOR BAIT



**CARR OUT FOR A SPIN:** Florida's Jarvis Herring tackles teammate Curtis Carr during warm-ups for the scrimmage Tuesday in Gainesville, Fla.

# D.C. Hopes Wait Is Worth It

It took 8 months, but Argentine defender is ready for MLS debut

**UNITED |** An eight-month effort to bring a bit of skill, depth and international flair to D.C. United's defense was scheduled to end without much fanfare last night as Argentine Facundo Erpen saw his first action in an exhibition in Harrisburg, Pa.

The spotlight will be a bit brighter on Saturday against Los Angeles, when Erpen, who arrived in Washington on Aug. 10, is finally eligible to make his MLS debut.

United had hoped to sign

Erpen before the season but could not reach an agreement with his Argentine team. It has been a long wait and Erpen, 23, said he hopes to repay United for its diligence.

"My dream has always been to play abroad and D.C. United were the first interested in me eight months ago so they've been persistent," Erpen said.

United's defense has improved, yielding just four goals in the past eight league games, but adding Erpen still appears to be a sound



Erpen

decision. The back line remains thin and United's schedule is packed in the coming months with league, cup and international matches.

Erpen, who played 58 matches with Talleres de Cordoba in Argentina's first division, should add some much-needed composure in back. His ability to calmly distribute the ball should aid United's transition game and relieve some of the pressure on D.C.'s midfielders.

"He is probably a different type of player than we've had in recent years in the central defense and a player who we think is going to add greatly to the dimension of our team," United President Kevin Payne said. **BRIAN STRAUS**

## MLB

Through Aug. 15 games

### AMERICAN LEAGUE

EAST	W	L	PCT.	GB	HOME	ROAD
Boston	68	48	.586	—	38-18	30-30
N.Y. Yankees	65	52	.556	3.5	38-23	27-29
Toronto	61	57	.517	8	34-25	27-32
Baltimore	58	60	.492	11	32-29	26-31
Tampa Bay	46	73	.387	23.5	28-29	18-44

CENTRAL	W	L	PCT.	GB	HOME	ROAD
Chicago	74	42	.638	—	36-23	38-19
Cleveland	63	55	.534	12	27-30	36-25
Minnesota	61	57	.517	14	32-26	29-31
Detroit	56	61	.479	18.5	27-30	29-31
Kansas City	38	79	.325	36.5	23-37	15-42

WEST	W	L	PCT.	GB	HOME	ROAD
L.A. Angels	69	49	.585	—	35-24	34-25
Oakland	67	51	.568	2	38-22	29-29
Texas	56	61	.479	12	31-27	25-34
Seattle	50	67	.427	18.5	28-32	22-35

### NATIONAL LEAGUE

EAST	W	L	PCT.	GB	HOME	ROAD
Atlanta	68	50	.576	—	39-17	29-33
Washington	63	55	.534	5	34-22	29-33
Philadelphia	63	56	.529	5.5	36-26	27-30
Florida	61	56	.521	6.5	33-26	28-30
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San Diego	58	59	.496	—	32-27	26-32
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L.A. Dodgers	53	64	.453	5	29-30	24-34
San Fran.	51	66	.436	7	25-33	26-33
Colorado	45	74	.378	14	31-32	14-42

### TODAY'S TV LINEUP

**BASEBALL (7 P.M. ON MASN)** Esteban Loaiza locks up against Jon Lieber in the third game of a four-game series for the Nationals in Philadelphia.

**BASEBALL (3:30 P.M. ON COMCAST)** The inconsistent Daniel Cabrera and the Orioles takes on the A's, who will counter with Danny Haren, who just had a nine-

game winning streak snapped.

**BASEBALL (1 P.M. ON ESPN)** David Wells, who's won his last three starts, pitches for the Boston Red Sox against the Detroit Tigers.

**SOCCER (8 P.M. ON ESPN2)** The U.S. plays Trinidad & Tobago in a World Cup qualifier.

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## Sports

**NOT FORGOTTEN:** He may be a Minnesota Viking now, but Fred Smoot's memory has not faded from Redskins Park. Each week, the Redskins will award "The Fred 'Silky Johnson' Smoot Award," aka "You're Nothin' Award" to a defensive star.



# Washington Ready for His Encore

Redskins linebacker sets out to match last year's Pro-Bowl level

**REDSKINS** | As a child growing up in Alabama, Marcus Washington would spend his autumn Saturday afternoons on his grandmother's front porch, about two miles and "pretty much just right across the railroad tracks" from Auburn's football stadium.

"I could hear the games on Saturday if you listened real close," Washington said. "I wanted to be a part of it and see what all that noise was about."

Soon, Washington was selling Cokes and programs at the games. Inevitably, he was on the field for the Tigers, a two-year starter who led the team with seven sacks in his senior year.

The milestones kept coming. He was a second-round pick by Indianapolis on NFL draft day and became a starter in his second season with the Colts. The first mammoth payday came last year when



**IN POSITION:** Marcus Washington takes instructions from linebackers coach Dale Lindsey at Redskins practice on Tuesday.

he signed a six-year, \$24 million contract as a free agent with the Washington Redskins.

Then, finally, he earned a trip

to Hawaii to play in the Pro Bowl, a reward for a solid season as a leader of a Redskins defense that was among the best in the league

in 2004.

Individually, at least, there aren't many steps left for Washington to climb, but there is no sense of him

## REDSKINS NOTES

Washington adds depth to depleted secondary:

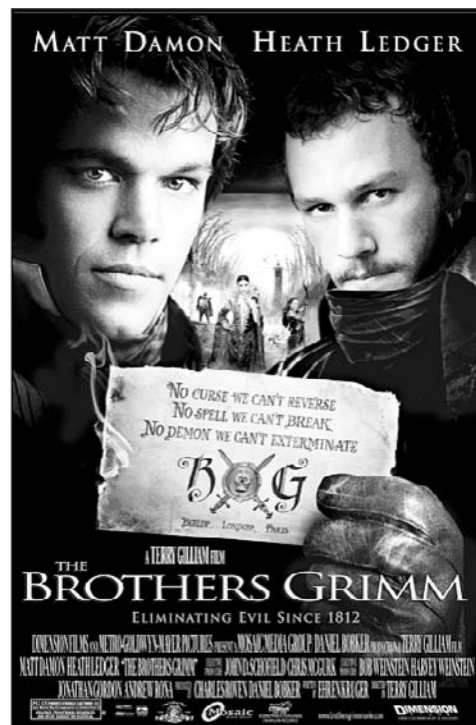
→ The Redskins on Tuesday signed veteran safety Eric Brown, who was released in March after three seasons with the Houston Texans. Brown has started 87 NFL games, but lost his job last year to rookie Glenn Earl. The team needed the pick-up because of injuries to Walt Harris, Artrell Hawkins and Tony Dixon. (AP)

resting on his laurels, no dip in his ever-present optimism as he returns for another season.

"You can't get complacent," Washington said. "You've got to continue to work hard — or work harder. Once you start playing well and get some attention, people start noticing you. That means you have to work a little bit harder because you know people are going to be gunning for you." JOSEPH WHITE (AP)

**Big Ben:** Steelers quarterback Ben Roethlisberger takes his recent stardom in stride | **Today's Post, Sports**

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## Entertainment

### Today's Top Stops

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#### Arlo Guthrie: Flawless Folk

It's hard to remember that Arlo Guthrie is the second generation of great American folksingers. (In fact, now there's a third.) Woody's son is committed to righting injustice and writing songs about it, and he brings his sly folk to the Birchmere tonight.

*Birchmere Music Hall, 3701 Mt. Vernon Ave., Alexandria; 7:30 p.m., 800-551-7328.*



JOHN HANCOCK/PHOTOS

Arlo Guthrie is helping to keep the legacy of the '60s — and his father — alive.

#### 'The Sandstorm': Processing the Present

"The Sandstorm: Stories from the Front" is playwright (and Marine corporal) Sean Huze's look at the current war from the point of view of a Marine stationed in Iraq.

*MetroStage, 1201 N. Royal St., Alexandria; through Sept. 25, \$25; 703-548-9044.*

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# Tapping Her Roots

## Lizz Wright redefines herself with a great but unjazzy new CD

RE | Even curled up in a chair wearing sweats, Lizz Wright exudes an almost regal elegance that distinguishes her from the crowd.

That same vibe defined her stunning debut, 2003's "Salt." That album established the singer, who has a husky voice with a heavenly sound, as one of the jazz world's brightest new talents with its mixture of jazz, dreamy R&B and a dash of gospel.

Her sophomore set, "Dreaming Wide Awake," has also won raves, but fans of her first record might be surprised: It takes a markedly different approach, with a more rootsy, folksy sound.

**Even though "Salt" was a hit with critics, it didn't make you a star. Were you disappointed?**

I wasn't, really. The more commercial it is, the more travel I've got to do anyway. But really, I just want something that is real and that moves people.

**"Dreaming Wide Awake" has a completely different sound from "Salt." Why change gears now?**

When I first started talking with



JIM COOPER/AP

**A VOICE OF HER OWN:** Lizz Wright has decided to sing the music she loves best.

the producer about this record, I was very hung up about what I thought people wanted from me ... because "Salt" is so broad. It was a bit of a surprise to me that it was

critically acclaimed at all.

**Why?**

Because it wasn't a jazz record; it wasn't an R&B record, but it had all

**I just decided**  
to make a record more like the music that I listen to, which is really not jazz at all."

of those things in it. Finally I just decided to make a record more like the music that I listen to, which is really not jazz at all.

**Are you worried about losing fans?**

At first I was. And then I let go of that. Just because I'm a recording artist doesn't mean I'm not an artist. Because I had to grow. So I knew that I would lose some fans but I knew that I would gain some new ones, too.

**Do you feel as a black singer there's an expectation for you to do more soulful music?**

People are a lot more open than even they think they are. And I feel like I carry a heavy story about where I come from and those roots, but also what I like as a thinker ... [So] why not? If it's really what I like, why not? I'm not angry. I can't sing that loud for that long anyway. I don't feel that emotional. I'm at peace.

NEKESA MUMBI MOODY (AP)

# The Many Colors of Brad Paisley

## Country's classic hope is actually a goofball throwback

MUSIC | Brad Paisley is lauded as the heir to country greats like Merle Haggard and George Jones, as well to new traditionalists like George Strait and Alan Jackson.

But he's actually closer to Roy Clark and Jerry Reed, two performers known for their impressive guitar playing and cornpone humor as

as well as their singing and songwriting. Paisley's latest, "Time Well Wasted" (Arista Nashville), strengthens that connection.

"I'll Take You Back" features a rolling guitar hook reminiscent of Reed's "She Got the Goldmine (I Got the Shaft)." "Time Warp" is a light-speed, chops-heavy instrumental in the mold of Clark barn-burners such as "El Cumbanchero."

In the past, Paisley's wisecracking has been marred by self-consciousness, but "Time Well Wasted"



JIM SHEA

Country-music star Brad Paisley is much better looking than Bob Saget.

shows that he has a knack for off-hand parody. "Cornography" is an Opry radio play that features Jones, Little Jimmy Dickens, Bill Anderson and Dolly Parton. Like a sketch from "Hee Haw," the track flirts with bad taste.

Clark and Reed had TV and the movies to advance their personas, and it's probably only a matter of time before Paisley gets the same. Come to think of it, he does look a bit like Bob Saget ... hmmm.

PAUL V. GRIFFITH (AP)

# Entertainment

## Your Name In Print for a Good Cause

**FUND-RAISING** | It can take years of navel-gazing for a novelist to choose the name of a character, says author Michael Chabon. Or it could come as quickly as an auction on eBay Giving Works and, in the process, keep the non-profit First Amendment Project from closing its doors.

Stephen King, John Grisham, Andrew Sean Greer and several other best-selling authors are joining Chabon next month in selling the right to name characters in their new novels. (AP)



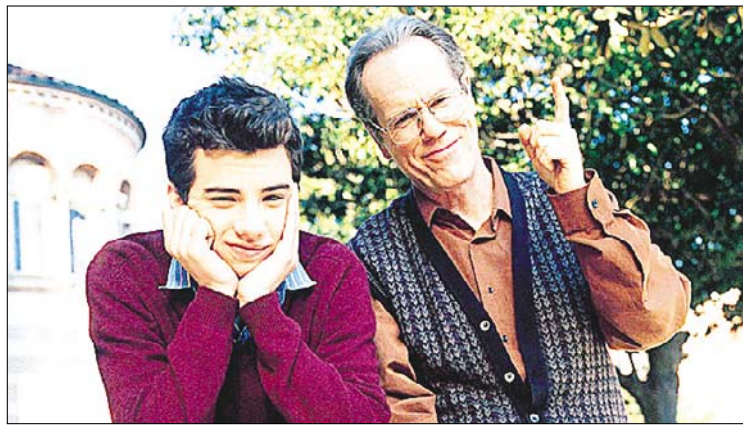
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# Too Young to Die

**'Undeclared' was cut down in its youth, but it lives on in disc form**

**DVDS** | Every fall, the new television season introduces a few quirky, quality series that usually end up getting canceled because of poor ratings. Before most viewers find their remotes, these little gems disappear, leaving devoted fans wondering why their favorite show died while "According to Jim" remains on the air.

A recent case in point: Producer Judd Apatow's "Undeclared," the smart, often hilarious sitcom about college life that debuted on Fox during the 2001-2002 season.



**READY FOR PRIME-TIME:** Jay Baruchel and Loudon Wainwright III on campus.

Fortunately the memorable characters of "Undeclared" have landed on DVD in "Undeclared: The Complete Series." Shout! Factory, the same company that

issued last year's brilliant "Freaks and Geeks" collection, has given "Undeclared" similarly top-notch treatment, releasing it in a bonus-filled four-disc set.

→ **BIGGEST BONUS POINT MISTAKE:** Fox had a habit of airing "Undeclared" episodes out of sequence. Apparently, the makers of the DVD got confused and put them in the wrong order for this collection. To print out a copy of the proper timeline, go to undeclaredonline.com.

→ **BEST DELETED BONUS POINTS:** The unaired footage includes numerous amusing performances, but few are as loopy as Will Ferrell's extended riff playing video games while high on speed (see the episode "Addicts") and professor Fred Willard's five-minute reenactment of major events from John F. Kennedy's presidency.

→ **MOST HILARIOUS BONUS POINT:** I'm not usually a fan of text-based material on DVDs. But the script for "Lloyd's Rage," a never-filmed episode of "Undeclared" located on the fourth disc, is a great read and a prime example of how strong the show's writing was. JEN CHANEY (WASHINGTONPOST.COM)

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**HUSTLE & FLOW (R)** 2:10, 5:00, 7:35, 10:15  
**CHARLIE AND THE CHOCOLATE FACTORY (PG)** 12:30, 3:10, 5:50, 8:30  
**MR. & MRS. SMITH (PG13)** 7:30, 10:10  
**MADAGASCAR (PG)** 12:40, 2:55, 5:10

**COUNTRY CLUB MALL 6**  
Country Club Mall on Vocke Rd near Route 68.  
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**SUPERCROSS: THE MOVIE (PG13)** 1:45, 4:00, 7:30, 10:05  
**DEUCE BIGLOW: EUROPEAN GIGOLO (R)** 1:30, 4:00, 7:00, 9:30  
**FOUR BROTHERS (R)** 1:30, 4:30, 7:30, 10:05  
**THE SKELETON KEY (PG13)** 1:15, 4:15, 7:15, 9:55  
**SKY HIGH (PG)** 1:45, 4:30, 7:00, 9:30  
**CHARLIE AND THE CHOCOLATE FACTORY (PG)** 1:15, 4:15, 7:15, 9:55

**COLUMBIA MALL 14**  
10300 Patuxent Parkway  
410-423-0520

**SUPERCROSS: THE MOVIE (PG13)** 12:50, 3:10, 5:25, 7:55, 10:10  
**DEUCE BIGLOW: EUROPEAN GIGOLO (R)** 1:00, 3:15, 5:30, 7:45, 10:15  
**FOUR BROTHERS (R)** 1:15, 4:00, 6:45, 10:00  
**THE GREAT RAID (R)** 12:15, 3:50, 7:20, 10:30  
**THE SKELETON KEY (PG13)** 1:45, 4:15, 7:00, 9:45  
**THE DUKES OF HAZZARD (PG13)** 12:45, 1:50, 3:45, 4:45, 6:40, 7:50, 9:40, 10:45  
**THE DUKES OF HAZZARD (PG13)** 1:50, 4:45, 7:50, 10:45  
**MUST LOVE DOGS (PG13)** 12:00, 2:35, 5:15, 8:00, 10:40  
**SKY HIGH (PG)** 12:05, 2:40, 5:05, 7:40, 10:25  
**STEALTH (PG13)** 12:35, 3:35, 6:50, 9:50  
**HUSTLE & FLOW (R)** 12:55, 4:20, 7:25, 10:20  
**CHARLIE AND THE CHOCOLATE FACTORY (PG)** 12:30, 3:30, 6:25, 9:30  
**WEDDING CRASHERS (R)** 1:20, 4:30, 7:30, 10:35  
**MARCH OF THE PENGUINS (G)** 12:25, 2:50, 5:00, 7:10, 9:35

**RIVERTOWNE 12**  
Exit 4A I-95, 1/2 mi. on Oxon Hill Rd.  
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**SUPERCROSS: THE MOVIE (PG13)** 2:00, 4:40, 7:00, 9:20  
**DEUCE BIGLOW: EUROPEAN GIGOLO (R)** 1:40, 5:00, 7:20, 9:40  
**FOUR BROTHERS (R)** 1:30, 4:30, 7:00, 9:30  
**THE SKELETON KEY (PG13)** 1:10, 5:00, 7:30, 9:50  
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**SKY HIGH (PG)** 1:15, 4:50, 7:40, 10:00  
**STEALTH (PG13)** 1:40, 5:10, 8:00  
**HUSTLE & FLOW (R)** 1:50, 4:10, 7:10, 9:50  
**THE ISLAND (PG13)** 4:40, 8:00  
**CHARLIE AND THE CHOCOLATE FACTORY (PG)** 1:30, 5:10, 8:10  
**FANTASTIC FOUR (PG13)** 1:00  
**MARCH OF THE PENGUINS (G)** 1:00, 4:10, 6:50, 9:00  
**WAR OF THE WORLDS (PG13)** 1:50, 5:20, 8:10

**SPRINGFIELD MALL 10**  
Loisdale and Franconia Road  
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**SUPERCROSS: THE MOVIE (PG13)** 1:30, 4:30, 7:40, 10:00  
**DEUCE BIGLOW: EUROPEAN GIGOLO (R)** 1:50, 4:50, 7:50, 9:50  
**FOUR BROTHERS (R)** 1:15, 4:15, 7:10, 9:50  
**THE SKELETON KEY (PG13)** 1:45, 4:45, 7:30, 10:10  
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**MUST LOVE DOGS (PG13)** 1:40, 4:40, 7:10, 9:45  
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**MARCH OF THE PENGUINS (G)** 1:10, 4:10, 7:05, 9:30  
**THE POLAR EXPRESS (G)** 10:30 AM

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## GALLERY PLACE STADIUM 14

701 Seventh St NW 800-FANDANGO 1721#

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**FOUR BROTHERS (R) - ID REQ'D DIG (Stadium)** (1200 130 230) 930 1015  
**GREAT RAID (R) - ID REQ'D DIG (Stadium)** (1250 355) 700 1010  
**NOVEMBER (R) - ID REQ'D DIG (Stadium)** (155 440) 720 955  
**OC: DUKES OF HAZZARD (PG-13) DIG (Stadium)** (140) 710  
**THE SKELETON KEY (PG-13) DIG (Stadium)** (150 430) 715 955  
**THE DUKES OF HAZZARD (PG-13) DIG (Stadium)** (125) 945  
**MUST LOVE DOGS (PG-13) DIG (Stadium)** (1205 225 445) 705 935  
**SKY HIGH (PG) (Stadium) DIG** (1215 235 455) 725 955  
**STEALTH (PG-13) DIG (Stadium)** (135 435) 735 1020  
**HUSTLE AND FLOW (R) - ID REQ'D (Stadium) DIG** (1255 345) 640 920  
**CHARLIE & THE CHOCOLATE FACTORY (PG) DIG (Stadium)** (405) 645 925  
**WEDDING CRASHERS (R) - ID REQ'D DIG (Stadium)** (105 400) 655 940

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**MAD HOT BALLROOM (PG) DIG** (1220 320) 630 910  
**MUST LOVE DOGS (PG-13) DIG** (1150 220 500) 730 1015  
**SKY HIGH (PG) DIG** (1145 200 430) 700 925  
**STEALTH (PG-13) DIG** (110 410) 710 1010  
**THE ISLAND (PG-13) DIG** (1250 350) 650 950  
**MARCH OF THE PENGUINS (G) DIG** (1140 140 400) 620 850  
**WEDDING CRASHERS (R) - ID REQ'D DIG** (1130 120 210 420 510) 720 830 1020  
**FANTASTIC FOUR (PG-13) DIG** (1230 330) 645 930  
**BATMAN BEGINS (PG-13) DIG** (1240 340) 640 940

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**DEUCE BIGALOW: EUROPEAN GIGOLO (R) - ID REQ'D ★ DIG** (130 400) 700 930  
**FOUR BROTHERS (R) - ID REQ'D DIG** (1215 115 340 440) 645 745 935 1035  
**THE SKELETON KEY (PG-13) DIG** (1105 145 425) 705 945  
**HUSTLE AND FLOW (R) - ID REQ'D DIG** (1230 330) 700 955  
**WEDDING CRASHERS (R) - ID REQ'D DIG** (100 355) 655 950  
**FANTASTIC FOUR (PG-13) DIG** (1120 210 500) 755 1045  
**STEALTH (PG-13) DIG** (1100 205 445) 725 1000  
**STEALTH (PG-13) DIG** (1100 200 455) 750 1045  
**MUST LOVE DOGS (PG-13) DIG** (1140 215 450) 730 1005  
**CHARLIE & THE CHOCOLATE FACTORY (PG) DIG** (1100 155 440) 750 1040  
**THE DUKES OF HAZZARD (PG-13) DIG ★** (1125 155 435) 715 955  
**MARCH OF THE PENGUINS (G) DIG** (1130 150 415) 710 940

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**FOUR BROTHERS (R) - ID REQ'D ★** (1210 335) 700 1005  
**GREAT RAID (R) - ID REQ'D** (1200 315) 635 955  
**THE SKELETON KEY (PG-13) DIG** (1240 350) 745 1020  
**THE DUKES OF HAZZARD (PG-13) DIG** (1130 200 440) 725 1015  
**MUST LOVE DOGS (PG-13) DIG** (1135 200 425) 650 930  
**SKY HIGH (PG)** (1140 210 435) 705 935  
**CHARLIE & THE CHOCOLATE FACTORY (PG) DIG** (1220 325) 640 940  
**WEDDING CRASHERS (R) - ID REQ'D ★** (1230 345) 645 1000  
**BATMAN BEGINS (PG-13) DIG** (1150 310) 630 945

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**DEUCE BIGALOW: EUROPEAN GIGOLO (R) - ID REQ'D DIG (Stadium)** (1115 130 345) 600 810 1025  
**FOUR BROTHERS (R) - ID REQ'D DIG (Stadium)** (1200 115 240) 400 520 645 755 925 1035  
**THE SKELETON KEY (PG-13) DIG (Stadium)** (125 410) 655 930  
**THE DUKES OF HAZZARD (PG-13) DIG (Stadium) DIG** (1135 1255 205 335 435) 610 725 850 1005  
**SKY HIGH (PG) (Stadium) DIG** (1145 210 440) 710 940  
**STEALTH (PG-13) DIG (Stadium)** (1230 325) 630 920  
**HUSTLE AND FLOW (R) - ID REQ'D DIG (Stadium)** (100 350) 700 1000  
**CHARLIE & THE CHOCOLATE FACTORY (PG) DIG (Stadium)** (110 420) 715 1015  
**WEDDING CRASHERS (R) - ID REQ'D DIG (Stadium)** (1130 1245 215 340 505) 640 750 935 1040  
**FANTASTIC FOUR (PG-13) DIG (Stadium)** (1220 310) 620 910  
**WAR OF THE WORLDS (PG-13) DIG (Stadium)** (1240 330) 625 915  
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**DEUCE BIGALOW: EUROPEAN GIGOLO (R) - ID REQ'D DIG** (1130 1230 150 250 430 530) 740 840 950  
**STEALTH (PG-13) DIG** (1250 340) 650 930  
**THE ISLAND (PG-13) DIG** 1010  
**FANTASTIC FOUR (PG-13) DIG** (1200 310) 620 900  
**WAR OF THE WORLDS (PG-13) DIG** (1210 320) 630 910  
**THE DUKES OF HAZZARD (PG-13) DIG** (1100 100 200 400 500) 700 810 1000  
**MUST LOVE DOGS (PG-13) DIG** (130 420) 715 940  
**GREAT RAID (R) - ID REQ'D DIG** (110 410) 710 1010  
**FOUR BROTHERS (R) - ID REQ'D DIG** (1150 140 240 440 540) 730 830 1015  
**SKY HIGH (PG) DIG** (1120 1220 210 300 450 550) 720 820  
**CHARLIE & THE CHOCOLATE FACTORY (PG) DIG** (1240 330) 640 920  
**THE SKELETON KEY (PG-13) DIG** (1110 220 510) 750 1030  
**WEDDING CRASHERS (R) - ID REQ'D DIG** (1115 1245 145 245 345 445 545) 645 745 845 945 1035  
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# Face in the Crowd

## Reality 'stars' try to extend their 15 minutes, '70s-style

In contrast, reality shows have



Unfortunately all this interesting casting boils down to silly games and trips to the dunking tank. KEVIN MCDONOUGH (UNITED FEATURE SYNDICATE)

## Sketch comics scour the U.K. countryside



**SHOWGIRLS** (8 p.m., VH1) The Vegas howler starring Elizabeth Berkley. KEVIN MCDONOUGH (UNITED FEATURE SYNDICATE)

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**THANKS, MOM!** The Forbes 2005 Best Cars for College Students list is out. Honda nabbed two spots with the Accord (\$16,810) and Civic (\$14,175) coupes; the Saturn Ion (\$11,995), left, won for cheapest.

## Cars

# Blend In on the Beltway

## Hyundai Sonatas look a whole lot like Accords and Camrys

**ROAD TEST** | Imitation is the sincerest form of thievery, and no car is more sincere than the new Hyundai Sonata. This car is to the Honda Accord what the tribute band Zoso is to Led Zeppelin, a startlingly faithful rendition of the original at state fair prices.

On paper, at least, this thing crushes the competition. Our test model was a Sonata LX, which has a base price of \$22,895, and comes standard with a 3.3-liter, 235-hp V6, 17-inch alloy wheels and leather upholstery. More impressive still is the suite of electronic helpmates



The Sonata blends in sneakily with the crowd of Honda Accords lurking behind it.

— anti-lock brakes, traction control and stability control — as well as six air bags and active headrests that protect against whiplash.

In terms of styling, it's too much to say that the Sonata is a clone of either the Accord or the Toyota Camry. Rather, the Sonata masters

the same kind of competent, high-order blandness that makes all three cars nearly subliminal. Although not a Xerox copy, the Sonata can defy the expertise of seasoned car buffs who at a glance will struggle to distinguish it from an Accord or Camry. This isn't necessarily a bad thing. A lot of buyers in this price range prefer to opt out of statement-making, making denial its own aesthetic. The Sonata has something of the Camry's Novocain quiet, thanks to the smooth-running V6 and, like the Camry, it feels very light in the controls, from the over-assisted power steering to the feathery brake pedal.

What it has in common with the Honda is its sense of execution. Everything lines up nicely

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and there's a comforting rigor in the way stuff operates. It is also like Honda in segment-defining value, a more-for-less quotient that will leave its competitors winding their bedsheets in anxiety.

Stravinsky said lesser artists borrow, great artists steal. Hyundai is turning out to be the Rembrandt of affordable transportation. Building a really fine and affordable sedan is no mean feat. The harder thing is to come: building a car to move the spirit. **DAN NEIL (LOS ANGELES TIMES)**

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The fastest growing Toyota dealership in Southern, Md. is looking for an **experienced Body Shop Manager**. Looking to add one person to our team. Must be detail oriented and energetic. Great salary and full benefits available including 401k/health/dental. 5 day work week and no Sundays. Please fax your resume to: 301-638-4381

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## Classifieds

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**AUTOMOTIVE**

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Qualified applicants will possess:

- 1-2 years proven sales experience in an incentive based sales environment, advertising sales experience preferred
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**Building Operations**  
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Submit resumes via: Fax 301-952-9463 or email: mmlawlandscap@direcway.com

## LAWN CARE TECHNICIAN

Reliable, great attitude, must like working outdoors. Clean driving record a must. Full training, no experience required. Purcellville, VA. 703-777-7795.

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**Minimum requirements:** Bachelor's degree in Information Systems, Computer Science or equivalent combination of computer coursework & experience; 3-5 yrs. exp. w/MS based Networks & Desktop computers; demonstrated understanding in LAN equipment, including servers, routers & gateways; knowledge of Windows NT 4.0, Windows 2000 server and Windows 2003 Server Standard in an active directory environment; exp. in all MS Office suite of products along w/MS server's & desktop operating systems (Win 9x, 2000, XP); understanding of RAS & MS Terminal Services and Citrix Clients; expertise in troubleshooting & supporting servers; extensive knowledge of MS infrastructure support services such as DNS, WINS, NetBIOS, Active Directory, & DHCP; knowledge of backup software such as Arcserve 11.0 & Veritas BackupExec; MCSE certification a plus.

Send resumes & salary req. by Aug. 19th to USO, Attn: HR, 703-908-6401 (fax) or jobs@uso.org. No phone calls please. Only applicants selected for an interview will be contacted. E/O/E/AA.

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## RESTAURANT

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## Restaurant

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## Restaurant

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New services include unusual Asian healing practices and rituals inspired by American Indian traditions. Cleansers and creams are being made from local ingredients like blueberries, seashells or desert sage to identify spas with their locales.

And packages are being aimed at niche markets — couples, teenagers, pregnant women.

The number of men going to spas is on the rise too. And thanks to the girlfriends' getaway phenomenon, even the most exclusive spas

— places like Arizona's Canyon Ranch and Miraval — are offering discounts for groups as small as six or eight people.

All these trends were in evidence among representatives of 22 destination spas at an industry event held in New York on July 28 by the International Spa Association.

Niche marketing is critical in attracting more and more couples and teens plus pregnant women and men to spas. Packages for pregnant women typically include gentle yoga, massage, facial and pedicure.

Now California's Fairmont Sonoma Mission Inn & Spa's "Mommy-to-be" package has added another option — "belly

casts," in which a plaster gauze mask is applied to the woman's belly to create a life-size replica of her pregnant form. It costs \$159. The resulting sculpture can be dis-

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R&R: At this Catalina, Ariz., spa, a hot- and cold-stone massage can hit the spot.

found in most spas. Men now make up 29 percent of spa clients across the industry, up from 24 percent three years ago, according to the International Spa Association. Because of the trend, "sports massages" and "executive men's facials" are now regularly offered.

"Most men are introduced to spas by a girlfriend or spouse and they go in kicking and screaming," said Lynne Walker McNees, president of the organization. But once they try it, they like it and come back on their own, she said.

Couples are using spa weekends both to relax and to reconnect with each other, and many spas have treatment rooms where couples can get massages side by side.

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# A Weighty Obstacle

## Medicine

### Studies find doctors are ill-equipped to treat obese kids

For many doctors, it's tough enough to talk to an adult about a weight problem, let alone a child.

Apparently, that's an even bigger challenge if the doctor is fat or thin. Some skinny pediatricians worry they'll seem unsympathetic. Their overweight colleagues, meanwhile, risk seeming hypocritical when they give advice to chubby children.

That's what a pair of studies surveying pediatricians in North Carolina suggests. In fact, many children's doctors "would rather treat strep throat than obesity," said Dr. Reginald Washington, a Denver pediatrician who co-chairs an obesity task force for the



**HEAL THYSELF:** Obese docs were factored into the study by Dr. Eliana Perrin, right.

American Academy of Pediatrics.

Only 12 percent of the doctors surveyed by researchers at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill said they felt very effective in treating overweight children. The pediatricians also

said they felt better able to treat asthma or prevent sexually transmitted diseases than treat or prevent obesity.

"I think that virtually all pediatricians feel frustrated with it because it's such a difficult problem

to treat," said Dr. Terrill Bravender, an assistant professor of pediatrics at Duke University.

Most doctors simply evaluate the patient, diagnose and treat the illness. "And obesity is much more complicated than that," Bravender said.

The studies also found that a physician's own weight could affect his comfort level in counseling an overweight child. Even more surprising — nearly half of the doctors surveyed who are overweight didn't know they were.

"It may mean that pediatricians are seeing so many overweight people around them that their standards have become skewed," said Dr. Eliana Perrin, one of the authors of the study and an assistant professor of general pediatrics and adolescent medicine at UNC-Chapel Hill.

"If so, they may be less able to diagnose overweight patients as [overweight]," Perrin said. "However

it is also possible that pediatricians can competently diagnose others as overweight but fail in this regard when looking at themselves."

Dr. Neil H. White of St. Louis Children's Hospital, who has battled weight problems for the past 10 years, said his struggles have offered a way to connect with overweight patients.

"I think that doctors and health-care professionals who are overweight ... may be able to be more empathetic and less judgmental than health-care professionals who have never experienced obesity as a problem," White said.

AARON BEARD (AP)

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You may not be able to afford **MISSONI**'s classic knitwear, but you can probably manage its Waterworks towels. The Fall 2005 collection features eye-catching waves of "pumice, sky, espresso, sepia and glacier;" if you didn't have the 64-count Crayola box, that's tan, light blue, deep brown, gray-brown and white. Mix-and-match them with Waterworks Classic towels in the same five shades. (\$14-\$88 for towels; mat, \$75; robe, \$175; at Waterworks, 3314 M St. NW; 202-333-7180). STEPHANIE JONES

## Do the Wild Thing



↑ Quartz votives look like elegant props from "The Lord of the Rings" and add a bit of organic glitz to the coffee table. (\$85 - \$95, **WILLIAMS-SONOMA HOME**, wshome.com)

✱ **Baby, it's so hot outside we** forgot how gorgeous the great outdoors can be. But the latest home decor trend brings backyard and barnyard elements inside. "You see all this seashell and horn stuff now in contemporary rooms," says D.C. interior designer Katie Leavy. "Decorating with objects like that emphasizes the beauty of the natural world." JENNIFER BARGER

↓ Prehistoric fish and palm fronds populate **GREEN RIVER STONE COMPANY**'s fossil murals. Collected from a Wyoming quarry, these shale snapshots aren't cheap—from \$1,000 on up to \$15,000. But they're quite literally museum quality; the Smithsonian Institution is a client. (greenriverstone.com or 607-547-5920)

Mission:  
Shoppable

← These low-maintenance pets/sofa accessories come in bright hues (coral, turquoise) and species like rabbit, gorilla and — ewww — pigeon. (\$38 - \$68, Tabletop, 1608 20th St. NW; 202-387-7117; tabletopdc.com)

## T-SHIRT OF THE MONTH ►►

**Bubble and Trouble** He could leave your \$690,000 Logan Circle studio condominium, which you bought using an interest-only loan on the advisement of your smartest frat brother, worth merely what you paid for it when you're ready to sell in 16 months. Or he could make you a rich man when you pawn it off on another interest-only borrower and move on to Shaw.



Though perhaps, by then, he'll have moved on to push longtime residents out of the latest neighborhood-of-the-month. Eckington, beware! He's a whole more fickle than fate. He's a tyrant crazier than Nero, and you can bet he has better fire insurance. He's Mr. Housing Bubble, and if you don't think he rules Washington, you probably live in Olney. At t-shirthumor.com, \$20. HOLLY J. MORRIS (EXPRESS)

## Beauty



## Goodbye Kitty

**FEISTY KITTEN LIP PALETTE AND CREDIT CARD CARRIER** (\$10 at Sephora) seems like such a good idea. Six lip glosses and an Amex — what more do you need for a night on the town? But it holds only one card; either your ID or your credit card stays home. That's useless unless you're sure you won't be carded or you don't plan to pay for a drink all night. Like its namesake, Feisty Kitten is adorable and fun to play with, but eventually turns around and bites. KRISTEN PAGE-KIRBY (EXPRESS)



# LOOK out

## Voices



### Baggage Check

ANDREA BONIOR, PH.D.

## A Mess Who Makes a Mess

**My friend recently moved in with me because of an impending separation with her husband. The problem is, she's being totally slobby and a terrible houseguest. I'm afraid to say anything, but I'm getting exhausted cleaning up after her. She'll be here several more weeks, until she gets an apartment of her own, but I don't know if I can last that long. I really don't want to make her feel worse. Any thoughts?** —AGITATED, ARLINGTON

Are we talking about her accidentally leaving the ice cream out after a three-hour sobfest? Or about her gleefully channel-surfing, pumicing her feet and pouring red wine on your couch while you do her laundry? *Some* leeway is needed here, given the situation. She's not the typical houseguest: When you agreed to take her in, it wasn't just a roof you were offering, but a safe and comforting place where she could begin to heal. The sad truth is that sometimes healing involves being a little selfish and forgetting to throw away the tissue that a woman used when recounting, for the seventh time, the exact way her ex called her a cow.

Nevertheless, you shouldn't be forced to achieve sainthood. After all, it is your home. Pick a few issues to address, then bring them up in a non-scolding way. You don't say

how close you are, but that makes a huge difference in how you say something. Anything from "Hey girl, if your tush doesn't get over here to help me clear the table, you'll go hungry tomorrow" to the more formal "Mary, would you mind giving me a hand with these dishes?" could work, depending on your rapport. Not making her feel worse is easy — just don't make her feel like she's screwed up yet another relationship. Ask for her to pitch in like it's the most normal thing in the world, and getting the chance to earn her keep might actually make her feel less helpless and more capable.

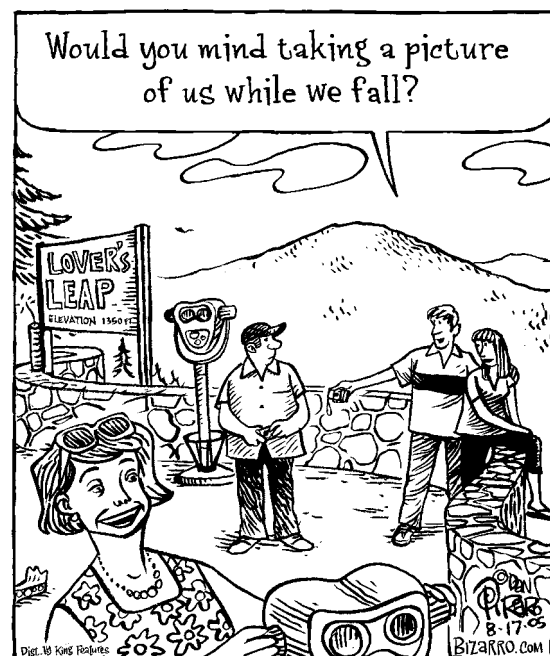
**I think that a coworker of mine has had some work done. She hasn't said anything about it, but she took a two-week "vacation" and now looks significantly younger. It's not unusual for us to compliment each other, so I feel weird if I don't say anything. But what should I say?**

—ROCK AND A HARD PLACE, THE HILL

Cosmetic surgery is not something that is commented on in polite company, as in "They really did a great job on your honker." But that doesn't mean you can't remark more vaguely that she looks "great," "re-energized" or the ever-popular "well-rested" after her vacation — something anyone would like to hear, facially refurbished or not.

Send your mental health and emotional wellness questions to Andrea Bonior, Ph.D. at [baggage@readexpress.com](mailto:baggage@readexpress.com). This column is not a substitute for one-on-one care.

### Bizarro | Dan Piraro

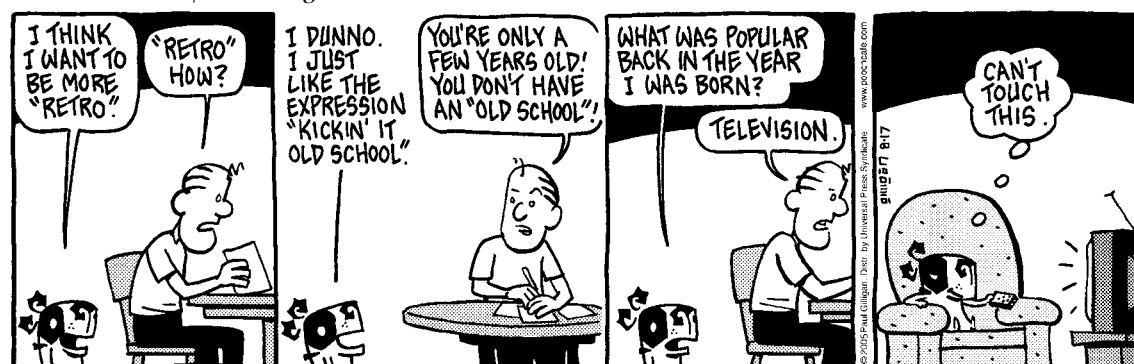


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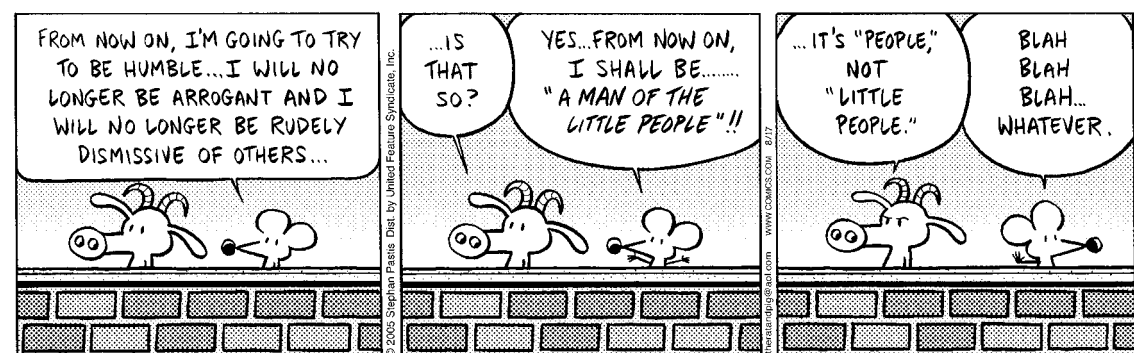


"Lucky for you there was a safety net."

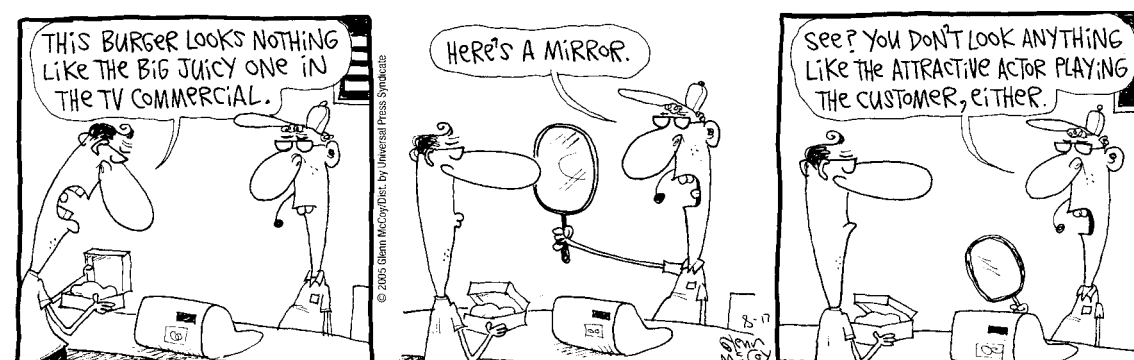
### Pooch Cafe | Paul Gilligan



### Pearls Before Swine | Stephan Pastis



### The Duplex | Glenn McCoy



## Letters

### Another Side to Settlements

**THE PHOTOS** and human-interest displays of the Gaza pullout lack perspective (Aug. 16). Missing from these compassionate photos and reviews is the other side: armed thieves who intimidate and murder native Palestinians with the army's support of helicopter gun

ships, tanks and bulldozers.

—EDWARD ABRAMIC  
Washington, D.C.

### Restrained Storytelling

**MOST OF THE** photo coverage of Israel/Palestine these last few years has shown anger and violence on both sides. Thank you for choosing a photograph (Page 1, Aug. 16) that conveys the story's pain, without fanning the flames of volatile passions.

—MATTHEW KATZ  
Laurel, Md.

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## CONFUSION UNDERGROUND

What makes anyone think al Qaeda can figure the map out, when your average family of four from Missouri can't?"

WONKETTE.COM ON A REPORT THAT A METRO MAP HAS TURNED UP ON AN AL QAEDA WEB SITE ENCOURAGING A CHEMICAL ATTACK

## THE Blog LOG

### TARGET: IRAN

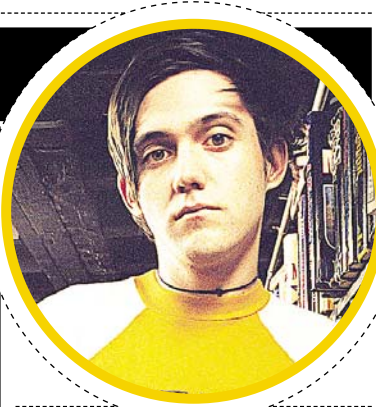
"Why has the prospect of invading Iran been in the news? ... It makes good news and the media likes to hype things up."

UNIVERSEANDTHINGS.BLOGSPOT.COM ON IRANIAN-AMERICAN RELATIONS

### MISCHIEVOUS MAUDE

"There's always something funny about watching an old hag on her death-bed talk dirty."

ELECTRICNY.BLOGSPOT.COM ON BEA ARTHUR'S PERFORMANCE ON COMEDY CENTRAL'S PAMELA ANDERSON ROAST



### IN THE KITCHEN

"Far be it for me to applaud the Bush White House (something I don't believe I've ever done). ... My hope is that Cristeta Comerford's appointment opens more doors to executive chef appointments for women. It's about time."

INTERRUPTEDWANDERLUST.BLOGSPOT.COM ON THE WHITE HOUSE'S FIRST FEMALE CHEF

### GET YOUR TICKETS

← "Lethargically count down the number of days knowing that you'll have a permanent seat in front of you rather than a girl from BCC High screaming ecstatically while wearing a screen-printed 'I Heart Connor' tee."

THEUPSTATELIFE.BLOGSPOT.COM ON CONNOR OBERST'S NOV. 18 SHOW AT DAR CONSTITUTION HALL

## Horoscope

By Stella Wilder

**LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)** You may have a rare opportunity to complete a cycle and move on, knowing, all the while, that you've done the right thing.

**VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)** You will be facing a number of problems that demand the most from your rational side. It is essential that you remain calm and understanding.

**LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)** What seems to be a defeat early in the day need not prove a liability later on. You can turn things around completely by nightfall.

**SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)** You may find yourself engaged in a renewed competition with a rival over nothing in particular. Be sure things remain light-hearted.

**SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)** This is a good day to accept others into your home for a brief visit or a long-term stay. Your hospitality will be appreciated and rewarded.

**CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)** Issues,

which revolve around career stability and financial status, will arise today. You'll be expected to address a problem head-on at home.

**AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)** Others are looking to you for the kind of guidance you would appreciate receiving yourself. It's time, once again, to learn on the job.

**PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)** You'll receive information today that will benefit your current efforts and enable you to help others in the long run as well.

**ARIES (March 21-April 19)** You may think you're ready for something new and perhaps dangerous, but the fact is you have a little more preparation to do before you jump in.

**TAURUS (April 20-May 20)** An imaginative flare will result in one or two decisions today that can alter the financial picture dramatically for the better.

**GEMINI (May 21-June 20)** The emphasis today must be on your own personal worth. You have what it takes to win a good deal of admiration if you focus.

**CANCER (June 21-July 22)** This is the day to push certain issues you consider most important. Thoughts, words and actions will all have a great impact.

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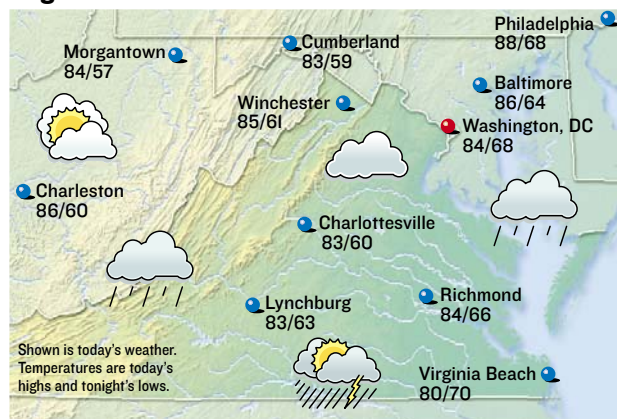


**DO** carefully consider which \$500 pair of jeans to buy. If you're reading Libby Copeland's Washington Post two-parter on premium denim and would rather buy some than contemplate what it means to society, you'll find most every brand at Denim Bar (1101 S. Joyce St., Arlington; 703-414-8202).

## 5 Day Forecast for the Washington Area

Today	Tonight	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
Mostly cloudy	Clear	Partly sunny	Mostly cloudy	An afternoon thunderstorm possible	An afternoon thunderstorm possible
84°	68°	84° / 68°	82° / 70°	86° / 72°	89° / 69°

## Regional Weather



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## Almanac

Washington, D.C., through 4 p.m. Tues.

### Temperature

High	81°
Low	75°
Normal high	86°
Normal low	69°
Average humidity	77%

### Precipitation

24 hours ending 4 p.m.	0.03"
Month to date	1.37"
Normal month to date	1.76"
Year to date	28.64"
Last year to date	28.76"
Normal year to date	24.58"

For up-to-the-minute weather, see:  
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## Regional Forecast

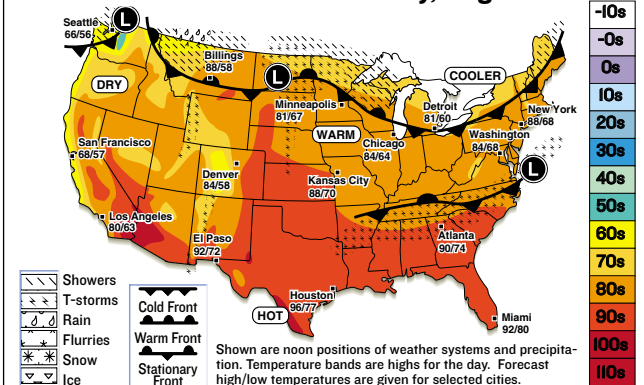
**D.C. Metro:** Today, mostly cloudy, morning fog. High 84. Wind northeast 5-10 mph. Tonight, partly cloudy. Low 68. Thursday, partly sunny. High 84.

## Sun and Moon

Sunrise today	6:24 a.m.
Sunset tonight	8:00 p.m.
Moonrise today	7:03 p.m.
Moonset today	3:13 a.m.



## National Weather for Wednesday, August 17



## National Cities

City	Today Hi/Low	Thur. Hi/Low
Atlanta	90/74/t	86/74/t
Boston	86/62/pc	77/60/s
Chicago	84/64/s	84/69/t
Dallas	94/76/t	98/76/pc
Denver	84/58/t	86/56/pc
Honolulu	90/75/pc	88/76/pc
Los Angeles	80/63/pc	80/62/pc
Miami	92/80/sh	92/80/sh
New York City	88/68/pc	82/68/pc
Orlando	96/76/t	96/76/t
Seattle	66/56/r	74/54/pc

## World Cities

City	Today Hi/Low	Thur. Hi/Low
Amsterdam	70/57/pc	72/61/pc
Athens	93/75/pc	90/72/s
Berlin	77/55/pc	77/55/pc
Buenos Aires	66/48/sh	66/52/pc
Calgary	50/39/r	57/37/pc
Dublin	68/59/c	64/54/r
Geneva	75/55/pc	83/59/t
Moscow	73/47/pc	70/49/pc
Rome	84/64/pc	86/66/s
Sydney	64/50/s	70/54/s
Tokyo	82/75/sh	86/73/t

s-sunny, pc-partly cloudy, c-cloudy, sh-showers, t-thunderstorms, r-rain, sf-snow flurries, sn-snow, i-ice.



# LOOK out

## People

### SPORTS

#### Russell, the Nats Eagerly Await Your Next Visit

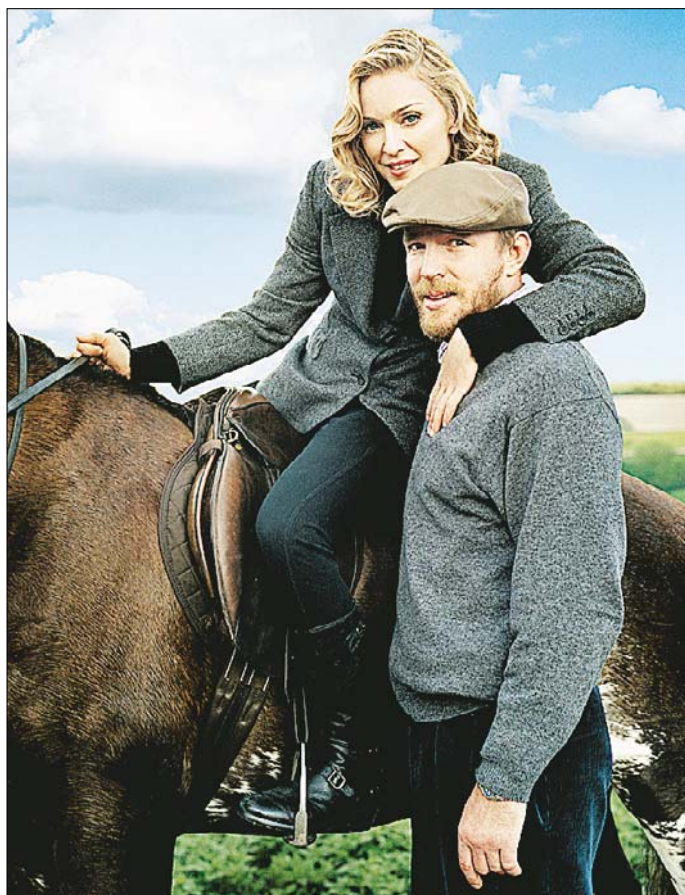
**RUSSELL CROWE**'s halftime visit to an Australian rugby league team's dressing room appears to have inspired the players to "Gladiator"-like feats on the field. South Sydney, with supporter Crowe watching, won for the fourth time in five matches, beating the Canberra Raiders in the National Rugby League on Saturday. Crowe visited the team in the dressing room at halftime, when they were trailing 12-6. "It'd be nice to have him with us every week," said coach Shaun McRae. "His presence was felt by everybody." (AP)



### HEDONISTS

#### Jason Mraz Has Unhealthy Lungs. And Daddy Issues

**JASON MRAZ** likes to smoke. "My whole belief in life is if it makes you happy, it's good for you," the singer-songwriter said. "My dad is always getting after me about smoking. It's not good for you. My dad is like 300 pounds. Well, neither is your diet. Well, who's at fault? None of us. You love popcorn, I love smoking, you and I are both happy folks," he said. He did stop once. "[But] I was on the road for too long. Deadlines, I needed to write more things, and to me, writing and smoking go hand in hand." (AP)



### ACCIDENTS

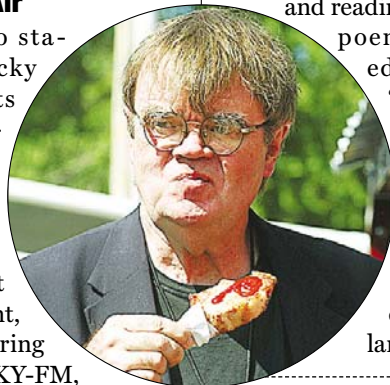
## Material Girl to Be Encased in Plaster

**MADONNA**'s 47th birthday celebration was marred when she suffered three cracked ribs, a broken collarbone and a broken hand in a horse-riding accident at her country home outside London on Tuesday, her publicist said Tuesday. Madonna and an assistant were riding horses, when Madonna, on a new horse she wasn't accustomed to, took a tumble. (AP)

### THREATS

#### Public Enemy No. 1 Back On the Air

A public radio station in Kentucky has reversed its decision to cancel **GARRISON KEILLOR**'s "The Writer's Almanac" over concerns about offensive content, after an outpouring of support. WUKY-FM, based in Lexington, canceled the show in early August. The daily



spot features Keillor noting important milestones in writing history and reading poems. Recent poems had included words such as "breast" and the phrase "get high." Station officials were worried about recent moves by the FCC to crack down on obscene language. (AP)

After eating this unhealthy food, Keillor intends to smoke with Jason Mraz.

**"I would have liked not to have had an armed 24-hour guard on my dorm room the whole time. That made it extremely difficult to mingle with the ladies!"**

TOMMY LEE TO COSMOPOLITAN ON "TOMMY LEE GOES TO COLLEGE"

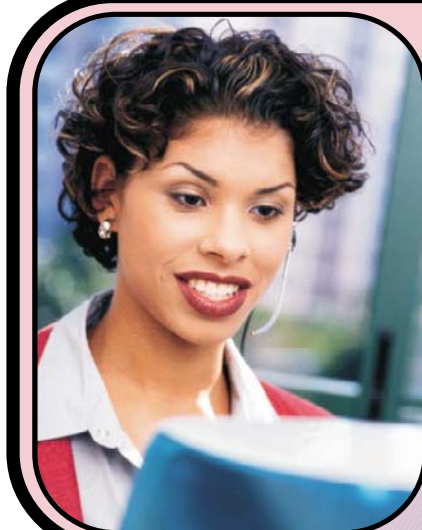


Kathie Lee would never smoke, publicly criticize her father or eat a bad diet.

### CO-HOSTS

#### Pat O'Brien Hears News, Instantly Returns to Rehab

**KATHIE LEE GIFFORD** will join anchor Pat O'Brien on "The Insider" next month as a special correspondent. Gifford will appear at least two days a week to cover "big name celebrity interviews and the Broadway beat," Paramount announced Monday. "Being a member of 'The Insider' family gives me an opportunity to do what I know, television, with what I love, theater," Gifford, 52, said. "I'm looking forward to finally casting a well-deserved spotlight on the world of theater. And it's no secret that I love to talk, but the real secret is I love to listen, too." (AP)



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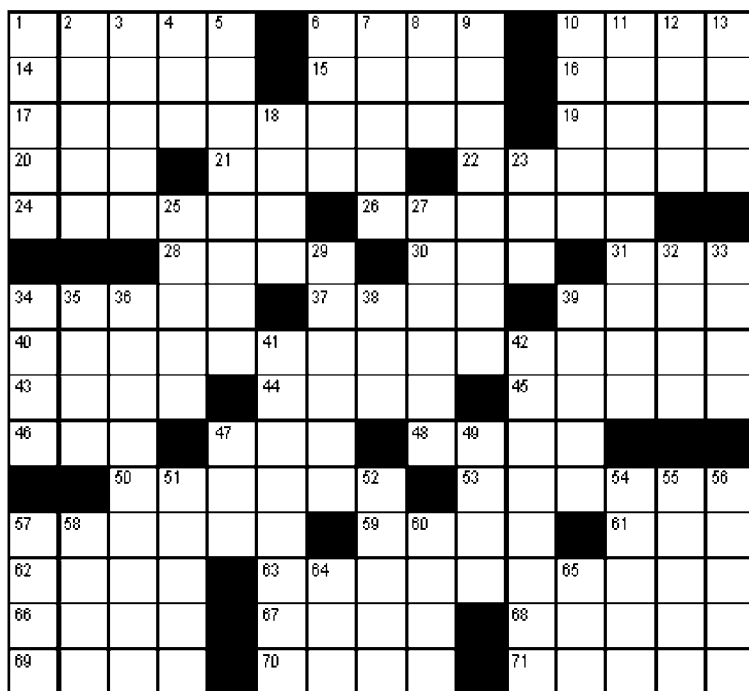
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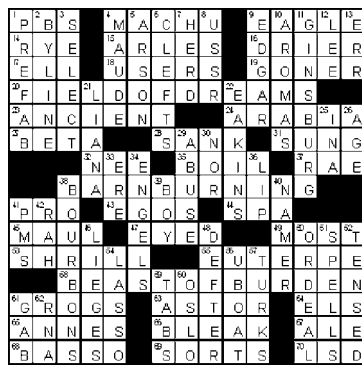
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12 Controversial pesticide  
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23 Cinematic mainframe  
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### Yesterday's Solution



## Today in History

**1790** President George Washington's response to an overture from the Hebrew Congregation of Newport, R.I., was published, constituting the first presidential statement of Jewish-American citizens' free and equal status.

**1896** A prospecting party discovered gold in Alaska, touching off the Klondike gold rush.

**1978** The first transatlantic balloon flight ended with the Double Eagle II landing outside Paris, 137 hours after it lifted off in Maine.

**1987** Rudolf Hess, the last member of Hitler's inner circle, apparently committed suicide at age 93.

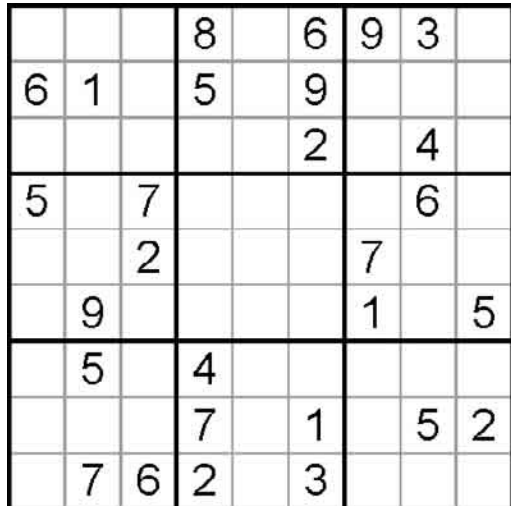
**1998** In a televised address, President Clinton admitted he had an inappropriate relationship with ex-White House intern Monica Lewinsky.

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Degree of Difficulty: MEDIUM

Fill in the boxes so that each row, column and 3-by-3 square includes the digits 1 through 9. For solution, tips and computer program, see [www.sudoku.com](http://www.sudoku.com)

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